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WASHINGTON, October 30, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 25 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 4.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 758 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 25 totaled 458,007 cars, 6.8 percent below 1979, but 1.8 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 5.1 percent in the East, 4.5 percent in the South, and 9.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, coal loadings were up 2,460 cars, or 2.1 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 18 totaled 32,915 cars, down 14.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,241 trailers and/or containers, 13.2 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 1,348,012 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,449,353 trailers and/or containers, down 8.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/25/80:

	Loadings in Week ended October 25, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,067	I	504	1.5	D	1,194	3.5
Other farm products	5,501	D	599	9.8	D	427	7.2
Metallic ores	26,553	D	6,101	18.7	D	66	0.2
Coal	119,572	I	2,460	2.1	I	3,703	3.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,077	D	2,618	14.8	D	176	1.2
Nonmetallic minerals	15,031	D	2,543	14.5	I	250	1.7
Grain mill products	17,659	D	1,304	6.9	I	899	5.4
Food and kindred products	18,616	D	1,448	7.2	I	581	3.2
Primary forest products	19,550	D	2,027	9.4	I	50	0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,471	D	1,813	16.1	I	277	3.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,222	D	1,796	8.2	I	805	4.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,967	D	143	0.5	I	338	1.2
Petroleum products	5,325	D	646	10.8	D	346	6.1
Stone, clay and glass products	15,829	D	3,877	19.7	I	341	2.2
Coke	5,355	D	440	7.6	I	185	3.6
Metals and products	15,815	D	1,765	10.0	I	2,011	14.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,433	D	2,485	11.3	I	346	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	13,053	D	207	1.6	D	290	2.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,439	D	1,736	13.2	I	296	2.7
All other carloads	43,216	D	4,497	9.4	I	670	1.6
LCL traffic	256	D	171	40.0	I	11	4.5
Total Cars Loaded	458,007	D	33,252	6.8	I	8,264	1.8
Corresponding week of 1979	491,259						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks)	18,761,515	19,866,310	D	5.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
42 weeks cumulative	738.9	734.5	I	0.6
Week ended October 25	18.7	19.5	D	4.2
43 weeks cumulative	757.6	754.0	I	0.5

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WASHINGTON, November 6, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 1 totaled an estimated 18.6 billion ton-miles, 3.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 776 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 1 totaled 457,100 cars, 6.1 percent below 1979, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.1 percent in the East, 4.9 percent in the South, and 6.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, grain loadings were up 1,430 cars, or 4.5 percent; and coal traffic increased by 1,626 cars, or 1.4 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 25 totaled 33,731 cars, down 11.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,589 trailers and/or containers, 11.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 1,381,743 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,509,942 trailers and/or containers, down 8.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/01/80:

	Loadings in Week ended November 1, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,155	I	1,430	4.5	I	81	0.2
Other farm products	5,497	D	489	8.2	D	1	0.0
Metallic ores	26,569	D	5,765	17.8	I	15	0.1
Coal	117,378	I	1,626	1.4	D	2,201	1.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,692	D	2,884	16.4	D	351	2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	16,145	I	523	3.3	I	1,113	7.4
Grain mill products	17,833	D	740	4.0	I	173	1.0
Food and kindred products	18,666	D	557	2.9	I	64	0.3
Primary forest products	18,817	D	2,106	10.1	D	714	3.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,740	D	1,561	13.8	I	274	2.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,486	D	1,749	7.9	I	384	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	27,740	D	735	2.6	D	306	1.1
Petroleum products	5,427	D	489	8.3	I	111	2.1
Stone, clay and glass products	15,494	D	3,618	18.9	D	332	2.1
Coke	5,277	D	367	6.5	D	147	2.7
Metals and products	15,738	D	3,938	20.0	D	56	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,270	D	1,937	8.7	I	837	4.3
Waste and scrap materials	12,474	D	1,358	9.8	D	579	4.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,685	D	1,589	12.0	I	246	2.2
All other carloads	43,766	D	3,305	7.0	I	680	1.6
LCL traffic	251	D	134	34.8	D	5	2.0
Total Cars Loaded	457,100	D	29,742	6.1	D	714	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	486,842						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	19,218,422	20,353,152	D	5.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
43 weeks cumulative	757.6	754.0	I	0.5
Week ended November 1	18.6	19.2	D	3.1
44 weeks cumulative	776.1	773.2	I	0.4

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WASHINGTON, November 14, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 8 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 795 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 8 totaled 457,596 cars, 4.6 percent below 1979, but 0.1 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 4.3 percent in the East, 3.2 percent in the South, and 5.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, grain carloadings totaled 36,976, the highest individual week since the week ended July 14, 1973. Also, coal loadings were up 5,570 cars, or 4.9 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 1 totaled 31,740 cars, down 16.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,116 trailers and/or containers, 15.6 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 1,413,483 cars, 11.0 percent lower than last year, and 2,567,058 trailers and/or containers, down 8.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/08/80:

	Loadings in Week Ended November 8, 1980	Change From Corresponding Week 1979		Change From Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	36,976	I 3,565	10.7	I 3,749	11.3
Other Farm Products	5,473	D 1,008	15.6	D 26	0.5
Metallic Ores	27,077	D 4,417	14.0	I 432	1.6
Coal	119,434	I 5,570	4.9	I 2,062	1.8
Crushed Stone, Gravel and Sand	14,886	D 2,483	14.3	I 198	1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	15,562	D 253	1.6	D 584	3.6
Grain Mill Products	16,928	D 2,127	11.2	D 910	5.1
Food and Kindred Products	17,945	D 924	4.9	D 716	3.8
Primary Forest Products	20,258	D 1,127	5.3	I 1,441	7.7
Lumber and Wood Products Except Furniture	9,092	D 1,437	13.6	D 656	6.7
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	19,374	D 1,724	8.2	D 1,197	5.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	27,338	D 1,151	4.0	D 413	1.5
Petroleum Products	5,328	D 725	12.0	D 119	2.2
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	15,910	D 2,068	11.5	I 430	2.8
Coke	5,485	D 529	8.8	I 208	3.9
Metals and Products	14,830	D 2,781	15.8	D 912	5.8
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	19,713	D 2,044	9.4	D 552	2.7
Waste and Scrap Materials	12,917	D 1,037	7.4	I 444	3.6
Forwarder and Shipper Association Traffic	11,230	D 1,252	10.0	D 455	3.9
All Other Carloads	41,591	D 4,110	9.0	D 2,185	5.0
LCL Traffic	249	D 116	31.8	D 2	0.8
Total Cars Loaded	457,596	D 22,178	4.6	I 237	0.1
Corresponding Week of 1979	479,774				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 Weeks)	19,676,277	20,832,926	D 5.6
Estimated Revenue Ton-Miles (In Billions):			
44 Weeks Cumulative	776.1	773.2	I 0.4
Week Ended November 8	18.7	19.0	D 1.7
45 Weeks Cumulative	794.8	792.2	I 0.3

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WASHINGTON, November 20, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 15 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 813 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 15 totaled 445,683 cars, 4.1 percent below 1979, and 2.6 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 2.0 percent in the East, 1.9 percent in the South, and 6.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, coal loadings were up 4,385 cars, or 4.1 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 8 totaled 33,206 cars, down 9.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,075 trailers and/or containers, 6.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 1,448,835 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,631,694 trailers and/or containers, down 8.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/15/80:

	Loadings in Week ended November 15, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,591	I 499	1.6	D 4,385	11.9
Other farm products	5,561	D 884	13.7	I 88	1.6
Metallic ores	25,705	D 4,973	16.2	D 1,372	5.1
Coal	112,214	I 4,385	4.1	D 7,220	6.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,685	D 2,039	12.2	D 201	1.4
Nonmetallic minerals	14,282	D 534	3.6	D 1,280	8.2
Grain mill products	16,992	D 1,702	9.1	I 64	0.4
Food and kindred products	17,484	D 1,180	6.3	D 461	2.6
Primary forest products	20,127	D 886	4.2	D 131	0.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,942	D 1,576	15.0	D 150	1.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,290	D 2,188	10.2	D 84	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,884	I 1,122	4.0	I 1,546	5.7
Petroleum products	5,386	D 320	5.6	I 58	1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	16,184	D 1,372	7.8	I 274	1.7
Coke	5,696	D 281	4.7	I 211	3.8
Metals and products	15,445	D 1,735	10.1	I 615	4.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,333	I 365	1.8	I 620	3.1
Waste and scrap materials	13,713	D 201	1.4	I 796	6.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,581	D 1,923	15.4	D 649	5.8
All other carloads	41,361	D 3,411	7.6	D 230	0.6
LCL traffic	227	D 156	40.7	D 22	8.8
Total Cars Loaded	445,683	D 18,990	4.1	D 11,913	2.6
Corresponding week of 1979	464,673				

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	20,121,960	21,297,599	D	5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
45 weeks cumulative	794.8	792.2	I	0.3
Week ended November 15	18.1	18.4	D	1.5
46 weeks cumulative	812.9	810.6	I	0.3

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WASHINGTON, November 28, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the non-holiday week ended November 22 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 17.4 percent above the corresponding holiday week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 832 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 22 totaled 460,001 cars, 14.0 percent above 1979, and 3.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 22.1 percent in the East, 9.1 percent in the South, and 11.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were up; coal loadings were up 25,408 cars, or 26.2 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 15 totaled 31,655 cars, down 13.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,505 trailers and/or containers, 10.3 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 1,480,490 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,689,199 trailers and/or containers, down 8.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/22/80:

	Loadings in Week ended November 22, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,092	I	2,440	8.0	I 520	1.6
Other farm products	5,517	D	280	4.8	I 5	0.1
Metallic ores	29,555	D	3,335	10.1	I 3,850	15.0
Coal	122,360	I	25,408	26.2	I 10,146	9.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,502	I	672	5.2	D 1,190	8.1
Nonmetallic minerals	13,198	D	965	6.8	D 1,088	7.6
Grain mill products	16,920	I	1,224	7.8	D 72	0.4
Food and kindred products	18,531	I	2,883	18.4	I 1,039	5.9
Primary forest products	19,826	I	3,324	20.1	D 301	1.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,459	I	1,571	19.9	I 519	5.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,247	I	115	0.6	I 960	5.0
Chemicals and allied products	27,488	I	3,730	15.7	D 1,389	4.8
Petroleum products	5,731	I	731	14.6	I 345	6.4
Stone, clay and glass products	15,401	I	564	3.8	D 784	4.8
Coke	5,950	I	198	3.4	I 259	4.6
Metals and products	16,463	I	1,735	11.8	I 1,075	7.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,161	I	4,851	33.9	D 1,205	5.9
Waste and scrap materials	13,548	I	2,748	25.4	D 167	1.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,172	I	1,844	19.8	I 591	5.6
All other carloads	42,639	I	7,193	20.3	I 1,291	3.1
LCL traffic	241	D	53	18.0	I 14	6.2
Total Cars Loaded	460,001	I	56,598	14.0	I 14,418	3.2
Corresponding week of 1979	403,403					

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	20,583,930	21,701,002	D	5.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
46 weeks cumulative	812.9	810.6	I	0.3
Week ended November 22	18.7	16.0	I	17.4
47 weeks cumulative	831.7	826.5	I	0.6

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WASHINGTON, December 5, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 29, which included the Thanksgiving holiday, totaled an estimated 15.3 billion ton-miles, 18.5 percent below the corresponding non-holiday week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 847 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 29 totaled 375,908 cars, 20.0 percent below 1979, and 18.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 15.3 percent in the East, 20.9 percent in the South, and 22.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding non-holiday week of 1979, all of the 21 commodity groups declined. Also, all of the groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 22 totaled 33,303 cars, up 15.2 percent from the corresponding holiday week of 1979, and 60,369 trailers and/or containers, 19.9 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of the year was 1,513,793 cars, 10.4 percent lower than last year, and 2,749,568 trailers and/or containers, down 7.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/29/80:

	Loadings in Week ended November 29, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,140	D	10,937	32.1	D	9,989	30.2
Other farm products	5,506	D	1,234	18.3	D	1	0.0
Metallic ores	25,973	D	9,433	26.6	D	3,582	12.1
Coal	99,874	D	7,418	6.9	D	22,486	18.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,238	D	4,969	32.7	D	3,255	24.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,984	D	4,622	29.6	D	2,210	16.8
Grain mill products	14,120	D	3,849	21.4	D	2,800	16.5
Food and kindred products	14,392	D	4,376	23.3	D	4,130	22.3
Primary forest products	14,675	D	6,476	30.6	D	5,151	26.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,718	D	2,292	22.9	D	1,744	18.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,075	D	3,115	14.0	D	1,172	5.8
Chemicals and allied products	25,183	D	4,221	14.4	D	2,305	8.4
Petroleum products	4,807	D	1,648	25.5	D	925	16.1
Stone, clay and glass products	12,398	D	5,078	29.1	D	3,001	19.5
Coke	5,561	D	751	11.9	D	389	6.5
Metals and products	14,901	D	3,672	19.8	D	1,555	9.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,775	D	4,536	23.5	D	4,361	22.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,699	D	2,169	16.9	D	2,859	21.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,522	D	3,140	26.9	D	2,650	23.7
All other carloads	33,143	D	10,003	23.2	D	9,511	22.3
LCL traffic	224	D	128	36.4	D	17	7.1
Total Cars Loaded	375,908	D	94,067	20.0	D	84,093	18.3
Corresponding week of 1979	469,975						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks)	20,959,838	22,170,977	D	5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
47 weeks cumulative	831.7	826.5	I	0.6
Week ended November 29	15.3	18.7	D	18.5
48 weeks cumulative	846.9	845.3	I	0.2

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WASHINGTON, December 12, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 6 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 865 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 6 totaled 447,822 cars, 5.1 percent below 1979, but 19.3 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. However, coal loadings were up 4,523 cars, or 4.1 percent over last year. Also, compared with last year, loadings were down 6.3 percent in the East, 1.2 percent in the South, and 6.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 16 of the 21 commodity groups declined. All of the groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended November 29 totaled 26,715 cars, down 24.5 percent from the corresponding non-holiday week of 1979, and 47,746 trailers and/or containers, 23.0 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 1,540,508 cars, 10.7 percent lower than last year, and 2,797,314 trailers and/or containers, down 8.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/06/80:

	Loadings in Week ended December 6, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,666	D	2,361	6.7	I	9,569	41.4
Other farm products	6,288	I	75	1.2	I	771	14.0
Metallic ores	32,956	I	776	2.4	I	7,003	27.0
Coal	113,862	I	4,523	4.1	I	14,002	14.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,383	D	2,445	16.5	I	2,117	20.6
Nonmetallic minerals	13,344	D	670	4.8	I	2,356	21.4
Grain mill products	16,538	D	2,653	13.8	I	2,414	17.1
Food and kindred products	16,873	D	2,517	13.0	I	2,496	17.4
Primary forest products	20,108	D	1,253	5.9	I	5,651	39.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,169	D	1,894	18.8	I	425	5.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,780	D	1,308	5.9	I	1,750	9.2
Chemicals and allied products	29,401	I	926	3.3	I	4,261	16.9
Petroleum products	5,798	D	653	10.1	I	1,014	21.2
Stone, clay and glass products	15,310	D	1,786	10.4	I	2,916	23.5
Coke	5,924	I	77	1.3	I	397	7.2
Metals and products	16,327	D	824	4.8	I	1,430	9.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,610	D	3,037	14.0	I	3,827	25.9
Waste and scrap materials	12,679	D	867	6.4	I	1,996	18.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,832	D	2,370	19.4	I	1,310	15.4
All other carloads	39,725	D	5,929	13.0	I	6,680	20.2
LCL traffic	249	D	23	8.5	I	25	11.2
Total Cars Loaded	447,822	D	24,213	5.1	I	72,410	19.3
Corresponding week of 1979	472,035						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	21,407,164	22,643,012	D	5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
48 weeks cumulative	846.3 (revised)	845.3	I	0.1
Week ended December 6	18.7	19.0	D	1.6
49 weeks cumulative	865.0	864.3	I	0.1

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WASHINGTON, December 18, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 13 totaled an estimated 19.1 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 50 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 884 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 13 totaled 461,758 cars, 1.2 percent below 1979, but 3.1 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.1 percent in the East, 0.5 percent in the South, and 2.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 123,075 cars, 8.6 percent over last year, and the highest individual week since November 23, 1963. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 6 totaled 30,977 cars, down 16.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 56,032 trailers and/or containers, 13.7 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 1,571,497 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,853,368 trailers and/or containers, down 8.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/13/80:

	Loadings in Week ended December 13, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,423	D	3,615	11.3	D	4,227	12.9
Other farm products	6,160	I	1,088	21.5	D	125	2.0
Metallic ores	34,355	I	2,162	6.7	I	1,399	4.2
Coal	123,075	I	9,794	8.6	I	9,213	8.1
Crusned stone, gravel and sand	11,947	D	2,854	13.3	D	409	3.3
Nonmetallic minerals	14,280	D	60	0.4	I	935	7.0
Grain mill products	17,010	D	1,231	6.7	I	473	2.9
Food and kindred products	17,092	D	1,770	9.4	I	218	1.3
Primary forest products	19,920	D	1,526	7.1	D	188	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,968	D	1,242	12.2	I	804	9.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,811	D	647	3.0	I	31	0.1
Chemicals and allied products	29,839	I	1,583	5.6	I	437	1.5
Petroleum products	5,757	D	864	13.0	D	41	0.7
Stone, clay and glass products	15,058	D	1,569	9.4	D	252	21.2
Coke	5,569	I	217	4.1	D	355	6.0
Metals and products	15,870	D	676	4.1	D	462	2.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,241	D	418	2.0	I	1,636	8.8
Waste and scrap materials	14,073	I	530	3.9	I	1,407	11.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,762	D	1,923	15.2	I	930	9.5
All other carloads	42,237	D	2,848	6.3	I	2,501	6.3
LCL traffic	311	I	65	26.4	I	62	24.9
Total Cars Loaded	461,758	D	5,804	1.2	I	13,987	3.1
Corresponding week of 1979	467,562						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks)	21,868,529	23,126,110	D	5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
49 weeks cumulative	865.0	864.3	I	0.1
Week ended December 13	19.1	18.7	I	2.4
50 weeks cumulative	884.2	883.0	I	0.1

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WASHINGTON, December 29, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 20 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 903 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 20 totaled 444,258 cars, 3.3 percent below 1979, and 3.6 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.8 percent in the East, 2.4 percent in the South, and 5.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 121,733 cars, 10,528 cars, or 9.5 percent, higner tnan last year and otner farm products were up 1,040 cars, or 24.4 percent. Seventeen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of tnis year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 13 totaled 33,944 cars, down 8.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 61,391 trailers and/or containers, 7.2 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of the year was 1,605,441 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,914,759 trailers and/or containers, down 8.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/20/80:

	Loadings in Week ended December 20, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,170	D	2,751	8.1	I	3,403	12.3
Other farm products	5,303	I	1,040	24.4	D	868	14.1
Metallic ores	30,037	I	808	2.8	D	4,299	12.5
Coal	121,733	I	10,528	9.5	D	1,328	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,119	D	2,058	16.9	D	1,911	15.9
Nonmetallic minerals	12,968	D	1,937	13.0	D	1,351	9.4
Grain mill products	16,562	D	2,010	10.8	D	576	3.4
Food and kindred products	16,031	D	3,736	18.9	D	839	5.0
Primary forest products	19,254	D	1,377	6.7	D	603	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,978	D	2,573	22.3	I	2	0.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,440	D	2,076	9.2	D	366	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	29,269	I	117	0.4	D	374	1.3
Petroleum products	5,501	D	765	12.2	D	230	4.0
Stone, clay and glass products	13,654	D	2,469	16.3	D	1,353	9.0
Coke	5,623	I	28	0.5	I	107	1.9
Metals and products	15,409	D	986	6.0	D	423	2.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,057	D	1,753	10.4	D	5,169	25.6
Waste and scrap materials	13,639	I	295	2.2	D	520	3.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,723	D	1,326	11.0	D	48	0.4
All other carloads	42,530	D	2,330	5.2	I	79	0.2
LCL traffic	258	I	43	20.0	D	53	17.0
Total Cars Loaded	444,258	D	15,288	3.3	D	16,720	3.6
Corresponding week of 1979	459,546						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks)	22,312,007	23,585,656	D	5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
50 weeks cumulative	884.2	883.0	I	0.1
Week ended December 20	18.4	18.5	D	0.8
51 weeks cumulative	902.5	901.5	I	0.1

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1980 RAIL TRAFFIC SEEN AT RECORD LEVEL

WASHINGTON, January 5, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during 1980 totaled an estimated 915 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent higher than the 1979 record of 914 billion, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The slight increase over 1979 was attributable primarily to coal and grain traffic, both of which remained heavy throughout the year.

The only quarterly gain over 1979 was recorded in the first quarter when ton-miles were up 12.1 percent. The impact of the economic downturn produced declines of 4.7 percent and 3.1 percent in the second and third quarters respectively. Preliminary estimates for the fourth quarter of 1980 indicate moderate improvement, but ton-miles still trailed the previous year's output by 2.4 percent. It is obvious that declines in the last three quarters of 1980 would have been substantially greater were it not for the heavy coal and grain movements.

Ton-miles for the year increased 2.2 percent in the South and 1.6 percent in the West, but were down 5.3 percent in the East.

Carloadings for the year totaled 22,598,048, 5.4 percent below 1979. The slight increase in ton-miles versus the drop in carloadings stemmed from a continuation of the trend toward the retirement of smaller cars -- with the resultant increases in average load per car -- and longer average hauls (particularly in western coal movements). Eighteen of the 21 major commodity groups were down from 1979.

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Grain carloadings posted a 10.1 percent increase in 1980, the largest gain of any major commodity, and coal loadings increased 8.6 percent. Coal loadings were the highest since 1958, reflecting increased reliance on coal as an energy source. Grain loadings were the highest since 1973.

"Other farm products" was the only other commodity group to record an increase -- up 5.8 percent over 1979.

Motor vehicles and equipment was the biggest loser, down 24.0 percent. Nine other commodities declined by more than 10 percent.

Ton-miles for the noliday week ended December 27 totaled 12.1 billion, 0.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1979. Carloadings were 6.5 percent lower than the previous year, and 35.5 percent below the preceding non-holiday week of 1980.

PIGGYBACK

Piggyback revenue traffic for the week ended December 20 totaled 34,144 cars, down 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1979. Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1980 reacned 1,639,585 cars, 10.7 percent below 1979.

Trailers and/or containers loaded totaled 62,099 in the December 20 week, down 3.3 percent from 1979. The cumulative total was 2,976,858, an 8.1 percent decline from 1979.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/27/80:

	Loadings in Week ended December 27, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	20,730	I 102	0.5	D 10,156	32.9
Other farm products	3,638	I 1,001	38.0	D 1,665	31.4
Metallic ores	22,561	D 3,221	12.5	D 7,476	24.9
Coal	72,906	D 883	1.2	D 48,827	40.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	5,377	D 2,501	31.7	D 4,744	46.9
Nonmetallic minerals	11,043	D 1,772	13.8	D 1,925	14.8
Grain mill products	11,689	D 1,743	13.0	D 4,897	29.5
Food and kindred products	10,944	D 2,142	16.4	D 5,175	32.1
Primary forest products	8,707	D 2,167	19.9	D 10,547	54.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,135	D 499	8.9	D 3,848	42.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,179	D 257	1.9	D 7,263	35.5
Chemicals and allied products	22,121	D 1,464	6.2	D 7,143	24.4
Petroleum products	4,272	D 597	12.3	D 1,229	22.3
Stone, clay and glass products	8,994	D 2,970	24.8	D 4,660	34.1
Coke	4,829	D 1,052	17.9	D 837	14.8
Metals and products	11,160	D 1,605	12.6	D 4,254	27.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,164	I 3,241	46.8	D 4,752	31.9
Waste and scrap materials	7,991	I 418	5.5	D 5,654	41.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,515	D 595	8.4	D 4,208	39.2
All other carloads	24,139	D 1,137	4.5	D 18,455	43.3
LCL traffic	142	- -	-	D 112	44.1
Total Cars Loaded	286,236	D 19,843	6.5	D 157,827	35.5
Corresponding week of 1979	306,079				

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (52 weeks)	22,598,048	23,891,735	D	5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
51 weeks cumulative	902.5	901.5	I	0.1
Week ended December 27	12.1	12.2	D	0.4
52 weeks cumulative	914.6	913.7	I	0.1

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1980 and 1979:

	1980	1979	Incr/Decr. 1980 vs. 1979		
Grain	1,573,313	1,429,244	I	144,069	10.1
Other farm products	235,845	222,821	I	13,024	5.8
Metallic ores	1,479,857	1,765,875	D	286,018	16.2
Coal	5,706,434	5,255,980	I	450,454	8.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	716,491	854,110	D	137,619	16.1
Nonmetallic minerals	770,243	783,685	D	13,442	1.7
Grain mill products	878,704	918,556	D	39,852	4.3
Food and kindred products	925,163	954,490	D	29,327	3.1
Primary forest products	1,002,033	1,055,665	D	53,632	5.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	469,447	596,817	D	127,370	21.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	1,060,487	1,097,932	D	37,445	3.4
Chemicals and allied products	1,411,160	1,488,616	D	77,456	5.2
Petroleum products	296,752	335,997	D	39,245	11.7
Stone, clay and glass products	792,402	944,328	D	151,926	16.1
Coke	276,329	359,824	D	83,495	23.2
Metals and products	820,263	984,022	D	163,759	16.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	853,850	1,123,104	D	269,254	24.0
Waste and scrap materials	632,733	713,749	D	81,016	11.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	555,041	642,508	D	87,467	13.6
All other carloads	2,129,816	2,343,575	D	213,759	9.1
LCL traffic	11,685	20,837	D	9,152	43.9
Total Cars Loaded	22,598,048	23,891,735	D	1,293,687	5.4

	1980	1979	% Change	
Revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
First quarter	233.1	207.9	I	12.1
Second quarter	227.7	239.0	D	4.7
Third quarter	222.4	229.6	D	3.1
Fourth quarter	231.5 e	237.2	D	2.4
Year	914.6	913.7	I	0.1

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RAIL PIGGYBACK TRAFFIC SHOWS

FIRST YEARLY DROP SINCE '75

WASHINGTON, January 12, 1981 -- Piggyback traffic on Class I U.S. railroads in 1980 fell below 1979's record and sustained the first year-to-year decline since 1975, when recession also affected business, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Piggyback carloadings totaled 1,661,110, down 10.6 percent from 1979. The number of trailers and containers carried totaled 3,014,864, an 8.0 percent drop from the previous year.

However, TOFC/COFC loadings accounted for 7.4 percent of total rail carloadings in 1980 and remained second only to coal -- the traditional leader -- as a source of railroad traffic.

Piggyback traffic for the holiday week ended December 27 totaled 21,525 cars, 4.8 percent below the corresponding holiday week of 1979, and 38,006 trailers and containers, 2.9 percent lower than 1979.

The AAR also reported that all freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 3 totaled 14.2 billion ton-miles, 3.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1980. Both weeks included the New Year's Day holiday.

Total carloadings on major railroads for the January 3 week were 338,261, down 8.3 percent from the comparable holiday week of 1980, but were 18.3 percent higher than the preceding Christmas week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.6 percent in the East, 10.3 percent in the South, and 5.7 percent in the West. Loadings of coal were up 3,901 cars, or 4.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1980.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/03/81:

	Loadings in Week ended January 3, 1981	Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,541	D	3,343	10.8	I	6,811	32.9
Other farm products	3,956	I	401	11.3	I	318	8.7
Metallic ores	26,810	I	334	1.3	I	4,249	18.8
Coal	91,708	I	3,901	4.4	I	18,802	25.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	7,411	D	3,143	29.8	I	2,034	37.8
Nonmetallic minerals	12,432	D	2,017	14.0	I	1,389	12.6
Grain mill products	12,176	D	2,970	19.6	I	487	4.2
Food and kindred products	12,806	D	1,650	11.4	I	1,862	17.0
Primary forest products	14,102	D	3,159	18.3	I	5,395	62.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,934	D	1,193	19.5	D	201	3.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,734	D	2,047	10.9	I	3,555	27.0
Chemicals and allied products	27,128	I	397	1.5	I	5,007	22.6
Petroleum products	5,204	D	718	12.1	I	932	21.8
Stone, clay and glass products	11,876	D	1,722	12.7	I	2,882	32.0
Coke	6,033	I	525	9.5	I	1,204	24.9
Metals and products	14,172	D	1,482	9.5	I	3,012	27.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	4,036	D	5,379	57.1	D	6,128	60.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,490	D	659	7.2	I	499	6.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,971	D	1,241	17.2	D	544	8.3
All other carloads	24,596	D	5,263	17.6	I	457	1.9
LCL traffic	145	I	4	2.8	I	3	2.1
Total Cars Loaded	338,261	D	30,424	8.3	I	52,025	18.3
Corresponding week of 1980	368,685						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
Week ended January 3	14.2	14.7	D	3.0

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WASHINGTON, January 15, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 10 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 2 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 32 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 10 totaled 412,142 cars, 6.0 percent below 1980, but 21.8 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.4 percent in the West, but down 16.3 percent in the East and 5.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, grain loadings were up 6,375 cars, or 21.6 percent; and metallic ores increased by 2,043 cars, or 7.6 percent. All but 2 of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 3 totaled 20,311 cars, down 13.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 36,632 trailers and/or containers, 11.5 percent lower than last year. Both weeks included the New Year's Day holiday.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for tne week ended 01/10/81:

	Loadings in Week ended January 10, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	35,925	I	6,375	21.6	I	8,384	30.4
Other farm products	4,751	D	86	1.8	I	795	20.1
Metallic ores	28,848	I	2,043	7.6	I	2,038	7.6
Coal	102,095	D	1,405	1.4	I	10,387	11.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,429	D	2,668	20.4	I	3,018	40.7
Nonmetallic minerals	14,062	D	210	1.5	I	1,630	13.1
Grain mill products	16,313	D	2,925	15.2	I	4 137	34.0
Food and kindred products	16,065	D	2,567	13.8	I	3,259	25.4
Primary forest products	20,001	D	506	2.5	I	5,899	41.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,574	D	2,049	21.3	I	2,640	53.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,484	D	1,218	5.9	I	2,750	16.4
Chemicals and allied products	27,905	D	1,466	5.0	I	777	2.9
Petroleum products	6,026	D	561	8.5	I	822	15.8
Stone, clay and glass products	13,565	D	2,282	14.4	I	1,689	14.2
Coke	5,627	D	414	6.9	D	406	6.7
Metals and products	14,172	D	2,619	15.6	-	-	-
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,198	D	3,645	21.6	I	9,162	127.0
Waste and scrap materials	11,648	D	2,122	15.4	I	3,158	37.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,158	D	2,185	21.1	I	2,187	36.6
All other carloads	36,087	D	5,630	13.5	I	11,491	46.7
LCL traffic	209	D	41	16.4	I	64	44.1
Total Cars Loaded	412,142	D	26,184	6.0	I	73,881	21.8
Corresponding week of 1980	438,326						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (2 weeks)	750,403	807,011	D	7.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
Week ended January 3	14.2	14.7	D	3.0
Week ended January 10	17.4	17.2	I	0.6
2 Weeks cumulative	31.6	31.9	D	1.0

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WASHINGTON, January 22, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 17 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 3 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 49.2 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 17 totaled 419,854 cars, 5.4 percent below 1980, but 1.8 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.8 percent in the East, 4.0 percent in the South and 2.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Grain loadings were up 5,327 cars, or 17.7 percent, while metallic ores showed an increase of 3,848 cars, or 17.3 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 10 totaled 28,072 cars, down 12.,3 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 50,080 trailers and/or containers, 14.8 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 2 weeks of the year was 48,593 cars, 12.5 percent lower than last year, and 87,122 trailers and/or containers, down 13.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/17/81:

	Loadings in Week ended January 17, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	35,408	I	5,327	17.7	D	483	1.3
Other farm products	5,292	I	468	9.7	I	541	11.4
Metallic ores	26,110	I	3,848	17.3	D	2,742	9.5
Coal	103,207	I	864	0.8	I	1,123	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,030	D	3,396	25.3	D	416	4.0
Nonmetallic minerals	12,885	D	1,529	10.6	D	1,177	8.4
Grain mill products	15,837	D	3,245	17.0	D	458	2.8
Food and kindred products	16,947	D	2,203	11.5	I	886	5.5
Primary forest products	19,958	D	838	4.0	D	122	0.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,339	D	2,309	21.7	I	759	10.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,499	D	1,283	5.9	I	903	4.6
Chemicals and allied products	26,605	D	2,622	9.0	D	1,260	4.5
Petroleum products	5,915	D	1,243	17.4	D	189	3.1
Stone, clay and glass products	12,987	D	3,037	19.0	D	564	4.2
Coke	5,684	D	760	11.8	I	27	0.5
Metals and products	14,971	D	3,495	18.9	I	808	5.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,665	D	638	3.7	I	3,467	26.3
Waste and scrap materials	13,396	D	983	6.8	I	1,748	15.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,174	D	2,202	19.4	I	1,016	12.5
All other carloads	39,715	D	4,498	10.2	I	3,637	10.1
LCL traffic	230	D	5	2.1	I	21	10.0
Total Cars Loaded	419,854	D	23,779	5.4	I	7,525	1.8
Corresponding week of 1980	443,633						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (3 weeks)	1,170,444	1,250,644	D	6.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
Week ended January 10	31.6	31.9	D	1.0
Week ended January 17	17.6	17.4	I	1.3
3 Weeks cumulative	49.2	49.3	D	0.2

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WASHINGTON, January 29, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 24 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 2.3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 4 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 67.4 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 24 totaled 436,869 cars, 2.8 percent below 1980, but 4.0 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 3.0 percent in the East, 0.9 percent in the South and 3.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 8,156 cars, or 7.9 percent, metallic ores 2,170 cars, or 9.2 percent, and grain 1,745 cars, or 5.3 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended January 17 totaled 30,767 cars, down 10.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 55,949 trailers and/or containers, 10.4 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 3 weeks of the year was 79,360 cars, 11.7 percent lower than last year, and 143,071 trailers and/or containers, down 12.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/24/81:

	Loadings in Week ended January 24, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,547	I	1,745	5.3	D	861	2.4
Other farm products	4,331	D	334	7.2	D	958	18.1
Metallic ores	25,834	I	2,170	9.2	D	276	1.1
Coal	111,716	I	8,156	7.9	I	8,509	8.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,506	D	2,372	18.4	I	429	4.3
Nonmetallic minerals	13,376	D	765	5.4	I	491	3.8
Grain mill products	16,822	D	2,503	13.0	I	986	6.2
Food and kindred products	17,490	D	2,229	11.3	I	544	3.2
Primary forest products	19,917	D	1,135	5.4	D	38	0.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,078	D	2,215	19.6	I	737	8.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,243	D	893	4.0	I	747	3.6
Chemicals and allied products	28,236	D	696	2.4	I	1,632	6.1
Petroleum products	6,623	D	187	2.7	I	709	12.0
Stone, clay and glass products	13,894	D	2,319	14.3	I	907	7.0
Coke	6,120	D	545	8.2	I	436	7.7
Metals and products	16,290	D	1,724	9.6	I	1,320	8.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,997	D	2,237	12.3	D	652	3.9
Waste and scrap materials	13,245	D	498	3.6	D	152	1.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,404	D	1,134	9.8	I	1,230	13.4
All other carloads	40,871	D	2,834	6.5	I	1,139	2.9
LCL traffic	329	I	61	22.8	I	99	43.0
Total Cars Loaded	436,869	D	12,488	2.8	I	16,978	4.0
Corresponding week of 1980	449,357						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (4 weeks)	1,607,350	1,700,001	D	5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
3 Weeks cumulative	49.2	49.3	D	0.2
Week ended January 24	18.2	17.8	I	2.3
4 Weeks cumulative	67.4	67.1	I	0.5

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WASHINGTON, February 5, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 31 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 7.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 5 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 85.7 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 31 totaled 443,161 cars, 1.9 percent above 1980, and 1.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.2 percent in the East, and 4.0 percent in the South, but down 0.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 20,885 cars, or 21.5 percent, metallic ores 3,252 cars, or 14.6 percent, and grain 2,368 cars, or 8.1 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended January 24 totaled 32,281 cars, down 6.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 57,967 trailers and/or containers, 7.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 4 weeks of the year was 111,641 cars, 10.2 percent lower than last year, and 201,038 trailers and/or containers, down 10.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 01/31/81:

	Loadings in Week ended January 31, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,706	I	2,368	8.1	D	2,841	8.2
Other farm products	4,087	D	469	10.3	D	244	5.6
Metallic ores	25,483	I	3,252	14.6	D	351	1.4
Coal	118,145	I	20,885	21.5	I	6,429	5.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,903	D	1,123	9.3	I	449	4.3
Nonmetallic minerals	12,489	D	976	7.2	D	892	6.7
Grain mill products	16,640	D	2,205	11.7	D	182	1.1
Food and kindred products	17,184	D	1,808	9.5	D	309	1.8
Primary forest products	19,936	I	229	1.2	I	19	0.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,613	D	1,443	13.1	I	537	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,489	D	918	4.1	I	248	1.2
Chemicals and allied products	28,835	D	182	0.6	I	600	2.1
Petroleum products	6,447	D	12	0.2	D	191	2.9
Stone, clay and glass products	13,666	D	1,298	8.7	D	224	1.6
Coke	6,229	D	409	6.2	I	109	1.8
Metals and products	16,890	D	2,219	11.6	I	598	3.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,872	D	2,023	10.7	I	874	5.5
Waste and scrap materials	12,922	D	336	2.5	D	316	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,924	D	1,326	10.8	I	520	5.0
All other carloads	42,357	D	1,852	4.2	I	1,498	3.7
LCL traffic	344	I	95	38.2	I	15	4.6
Total Cars Loaded	443,161	I	8,230	1.9	I	6,346	1.5
Corresponding week of 1980	434,931						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks)	2,050,457	2,134,932	D	4.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
4 Weeks cumulative	67.4	67.1	I	0.5
Week ended January 31	18.3	17.1	I	7.0
5 Weeks cumulative	85.7	84.2	I	1.8

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WASHINGTON, February 12, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 7 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 3.2 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 6 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 103 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 7 totaled 427,991 cars, 1.2 percent below 1980, and 3.5 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.9 percent in the East, and 1.2 percent in the South, but down 5.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 16,232 cars, or 17.1 percent, and grain 3,062 cars, or 9.5 percent. Eighteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended January 31 totaled 33,808 cars, down 6.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,317 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 5 weeks of the year was 145,449 cars, 9.4 percent lower than last year, and 262,355 trailers and/or containers, down 9.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 02/07/81:

	Loadings in Week ended February 7, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	35,422	I	3,062	9.5	I	3,716	11.7
Other farm products	3,736	D	1,026	21.5	D	353	8.6
Metallic ores	24,765	D	500	2.0	D	720	2.8
Coal	111,080	I	16,232	17.1	D	7,065	6.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,382	D	1,725	14.2	D	520	4 8
Nonmetallic minerals	13,477	I	773	6.1	I	993	8.0
Grain mill products	16,077	D	2,819	14.9	D	563	3.4
Food and kindred products	16,958	D	2,084	10.9	D	222	1.3
Primary forest products	18,625	I	1,642	8.1	D	1,311	6.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,406	D	1,982	19.1	D	1,207	12.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,445	D	986	4.6	D	1,044	4.9
Chemicals and allied products	27,095	D	1,343	4.7	D	1,741	6.0
Petroleum products	6,100	D	712	10.5	D	332	5.2
Stone, clay and glass products	13,123	D	1,667	11.3	D	544	4.0
Coke	6,489	I	564	9.5	I	260	4.2
Metals and products	16,331	D	966	5.6	D	572	3.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,218	D	2,679	14.2	D	662	3.9
Waste and scrap materials	12,159	D	1,267	9.4	D	903	6.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,514	D	968	8.4	D	410	3.8
All other carloads	40,328	D	3,706	8.4	D	2,011	4.7
LCL traffic	261	I	37	16.5	D	83	24.1
Total Cars Loaded	427,991	D	5,404	1.2	D	15,294	3.5
Corresponding week of 1980	433,395						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,478,572	2,568,327	D	3.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
5 Weeks cumulative	85.7	84.2	I	1.8
Week ended February 7	17.7	17.2	I	3.2
6 Weeks cumulative	103.4	101.4	I	2.0

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WASHINGTON, February 19, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 14 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 7 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 121 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 14 totaled 416,647 cars, 6.1 percent below 1980, and 2.6 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.6 percent in the East, 6.6 percent in the South, and, 9.3 in the West. Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 13,392 cars, or 13.3 percent, and metallic ores 1,236 cars, or 5.6 percent. Sixteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended February 7 totaled 32,487 cars, down 5.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 58,789 trailers and/or containers, 5.9 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 6 weeks of the year was 177,936 cars, 8.6 percent lower than last year, and 321,144 trailers and/or containers, down 8.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 02/14/81:

	Loadings in Week ended February 14, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,873	D	1,561	5.1	D	6,425	18.2
Other farm products	3,561	D	1,185	25.0	D	175	4.7
Metallic ores	23,292	I	1,236	5.6	D	1,473	6.0
Coal	113,925	I	13,392	13.3	I	2,845	2.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,064	D	2,412	19.3	D	317	3 1
Nonmetallic minerals	12,647	D	1,427	10.1	D	830	6.2
Grain mill products	16,363	D	2,559	13.5	I	244	1.5
Food and kindred products	16,344	D	3,220	16.5	D	601	3.6
Primary forest products	17,824	D	2,787	13.5	D	801	4.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,223	D	2,783	25.3	D	183	2.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,631	D	2,149	9.9	D	812	4.0
Chemicals and allied products	27,992	D	1,426	4.8	I	897	3.3
Petroleum products	5,625	D	1,334	19.2	D	475	7.8
Stone, clay and glass products	12,734	D	2,722	17.6	D	389	3.0
Coke	6,703	I	154	2.4	I	269	4.2
Metals and products	15,846	D	2,038	11.4	D	523	3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,833	D	5,189	25.9	D	1,114	7.0
Waste and scrap materials	12,144	D	2,168	15.1	D	29	0.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,882	D	1,719	14.8	D	632	6.0
All other carloads	39,878	D	5,192	11.5	D	415	1.0
LCL traffic	263	I	7	2.7	I	2	0.8
Total Cars Loaded	416,647	D	27,082	6.1	D	10,937	2.6
Corresponding week of 1980	443,729						

	1981	1980		% Change
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	2,894,812	3,012,056	D	3.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
6 Weeks cumulative	103.4	101.4	I	2.0
Week ended February 14	17.2	17.5	D	1.6
7 Weeks cumulative	120.6	118.9	I	1.5

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WASHINGTON, February 26, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 21 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 8 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 139 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 21 totaled 439,467 cars, 0.8 percent below 1980, but 5.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.4 percent in the East, but down 3.8 in the South, and 3.2 in the West. Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 125,823, the highest individual week since the week ended December 17, 1958. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year. .

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended February 14 totaled 31,840 cars, down 7 4 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 57,864 trailers and/or containers, 7.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 7 weeks of the year was 209,776 cars, 8.5 percent lower than last year, and 379,008 trailers and/or containers, down 8.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 02/21/81:

	Loadings in Week ended February 21, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,201	D	263	0.9	I	1,336	4.6
Other farm products	4,265	I	3	0.1	I	704	19.8
Metallic ores	24,983	I	3,405	15.8	I	1,681	7.2
Coal	125,823	I	18,898	17.7	I	11,898	10.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,944	D	3,129	23.9	D	63	0 6
Nonmetallic minerals	12,090	D	1,271	9.5	D	559	4.4
Grain mill products	16,257	D	2,001	11.0	D	75	0.5
Food and kindred products	16,497	D	1,638	9.0	I	118	0.7
Primary forest products	18,830	D	2,597	12.1	I	1,006	5.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,581	D	2,493	22.5	I	358	4.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,403	D	1,262	5.8	I	747	3.8
Chemicals and allied products	27,712	D	707	2.5	D	283	1.0
Petroleum products	5,522	D	924	14.3	D	103	1.8
Stone, clay and glass products	13,346	D	1,483	10.0	I	612	4.8
Coke	6,211	D	112	1.8	D	505	7.5
Metals and products	17,481	I	83	0.5	I	1,646	10.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,108	D	4,132	19.5	I	2,272	15.3
Waste and scrap materials	13,018	D	580	4.3	I	894	7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,320	D	955	8.5	I	438	4.4
All other carloads	40,598	D	2,552	5.9	I	661	1.7
LCL traffic	277	D	30	9.8	I	14	5.3
Total Cars Loaded	439,467	D	3,740	0.8	I	22,797	5.5
Corresponding week of 1980	443,207						

	1981	1980		% Change
Total Cars Loaded (8 weeks)	3,334,302	3,455,263	D	3.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
7 Weeks cumulative	120.6	118.9	I	1.5
Week ended February 21	18.4	18.4	D	0.3
8 Weeks cumulative	139.0	137.3	I	1.2

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WASHINGTON, March 5, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 28 totaled an estimated 19.4 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 9 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 158.4 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 28 totaled 463,414 cars, 1.0 percent over 1980, and 5.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.6 percent in the East, and 1.2 percent in the South, but down 2.2 percent in the West. Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 130,515, the highest individual week since the week ended June 20, 1957. Nineteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended February 21 totaled 31,921 cars, down 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 58,019 trailers and/or containers, 3.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 8 weeeks of the year was 241,697 cars, 7.9 percent lower than last year, and 437,027 trailers and/or containers, down 7.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 02/28/81:

	Loadings in Week ended February 28, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,937	D	884	2.9	D	189	0.6
Other farm products	4,675	I	519	12.5	I	459	10.9
Metallic ores	26,012	I	2,852	12.3	I	1,065	4.3
Coal	130,515	I	23,993	22.5	I	4,264	3.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,193	D	2,468	18.1	I	790	7.6
Nonmetallic minerals	13,429	D	859	6.0	I	1,438	12.0
Grain mill products	16,383	D	2,159	11.6	I	154	1.0
Food and kindred products	17,447	D	2,251	11.4	I	964	5.9
Primary forest products	20,094	D	1,045	4.9	I	1,086	5.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,547	D	2,256	19.1	I	819	9.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,486	D	981	4.4	I	1,018	5.0
Chemicals and allied products	29,615	D	1,185	3.8	I	1,944	7.0
Petroleum products	5,431	D	934	14.7	I	62	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	14,436	D	1,783	11.0	I	877	6.5
Coke	6,502	D	561	7.9	I	310	5.0
Metals and products	18,908	D	408	2.1	I	1,514	8.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,050	D	3,049	14.5	I	772	4.8
Waste and scrap materials	13,054	D	987	7.0	D	36	0.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,743	D	540	4.4	I	1,439	14.0
All other carloads	44,657	D	572	1.3	I	3,989	8.3
LCL traffic	300	I	2	0.7	I	30	11.1
Total Cars Loaded	463,414	I	4,444	1.0	I	22,769	5.2
Corresponding week of 1980	458,970						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (9 weeks)	3,798,894	3,914,233	D	2.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
8 Weeks cumulative	139.0	137.3	I	1.2
Week ended February 28	19.4	19.1	I	1.3
9 weeks cumulative	158.4	156.4	I	1.3

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WASHINGTON, March 12, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 7 totaled an estimated 19.2 billion ton-miles, 2.7 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 177.6 billion ton-miles, 1.4 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 7 totaled 457,920 cars, 3.8 percent over 1980, but 1.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.1 percent in the East, and 8.1 percent in the South, but down 1.3 percent in the West. Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 130,847, the highest in nearly 24 years and 30.7 percent over 1980. Grain traffic was up 12.0 percent from last year. Fourteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended February 28 totaled 35,103 cars, up 1.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 63,776 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 9 weeeks of the year was 276,800 cars, 6.8 percent lower than last year, and 500,803 trailers and/or containers, down 6.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/7/81:

	Loadings in Week ended March 7, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	33,314	I	3,576	12.0	I	3,395	11.3	
Other farm products	4,403	I	529	13.7	D	280	6.0	
Metallic ores	26,718	I	1,873	7.5	I	707	2.7	
Coal	130,847	I	30,721	30.7	I	325	0.2	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,307	D	604	5.1	I	102	1.0	
Nonmetallic minerals	13,172	D	471	3.5	D	258	1.9	
Grain mill products	15,279	D	2,684	14.9	D	1,104	6.7	
Food and kindred products	16,410	D	2,766	14.4	D	1,039	6.0	
Primary forest products	19,586	I	527	2.8	D	507	2.5	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,806	D	1,404	13.8	D	742	7.8	
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,881	D	720	3.3	D	607	2.8	
Chemicals and allied products	28,380	D	939	3.2	D	1,237	4.2	
Petroleum products	5,038	D	1,035	17.0	D	393	7.2	
Stone, clay and glass products	14,619	D	526	3.5	I	183	1.3	
Coke	6,183	D	589	8.7	D	324	5.0	
Metals and products	17,337	D	1,303	7.0	D	1,572	8.3	
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,702	D	3,061	14.7	D	356	2.0	
Waste and scrap materials	13,100	D	566	4.1	I	36	0.3	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,559	D	902	7.2	D	184	1.6	
All other carloads	42,816	D	2,910	6.4	D	1,835	4.1	
LCL traffic	463	I	213	85.2	I	163	54.3	
Total Cars Loaded	457,920	I	16,959	3.8	D	5,527	1.2	
Corresponding week of 1980	440,961							

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (10 weeks)	4,256,847	4,355,194	D	2.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
9 Weeks cumulative	158.4	156.4	I	1.3
Week ended March 7	19.2	18.7	I	2.7
10 weeks cumulative	177.6	175.1	I	1.4

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WASHINGTON, March 20, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 14 totaled an estimated 18.9 billion ton-miles, 2.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 196.5 billion ton-miles, 1.1 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 14 totaled 448,476 cars, 2.4 percent below 1980, and 2.1 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.6 percent in the East, but down 1.4 percent in the South, and 5.8 percent in the West. Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 9,547 cars, or 8.6 percent, and metallic ores posted a gain of 4,661 cars, or 19.0 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended March 7 totaled 33,932 cars, down 4.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,143 trailers and/or containers, down 6.5 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 10 weeks of the year was 310,732 cars, 6.6 percent lower than last year, and 561,946 trailers and/or containers, down 6.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/14/81:

	Loadings in Week ended March 14, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,964	D	4,783	15.1	D	6,341	19.0
Other farm products	3,773	D	12	0.3	D	622	14.2
Metallic ores	29,192	I	4,661	19.0	I	2,474	9.3
Coal	120,763	I	9,547	8.6	D	10,077	7.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,932	D	800	5.8	I	1,583	14.0
Nonmetallic minerals	13,496	D	786	5.5	I	322	2.4
Grain mill products	15,459	D	2,513	14.0	I	180	1.0
Food and kindred products	16,174	D	3,025	15.8	D	234	1.4
Primary forest products	19,744	D	397	2.0	I	158	1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,543	D	1,780	17.2	D	266	3.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,214	D	985	4.6	D	666	3.2
Chemicals and allied products	29,327	D	1,140	3.7	I	948	3.3
Petroleum products	5,318	D	1,004	15.9	I	280	5.6
Stone, clay and glass products	14,680	D	1,602	9.8	I	62	0.4
Coke	6,481	D	1,048	13.9	I	300	4.9
Metals and products	16,806	D	1,704	9.2	D	520	3.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,586	D	2,048	9.9	I	887	5.0
Waste and scrap materials	14,524	I	378	2.7	I	1,453	11.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,199	D	593	5.0	D	360	3.1
All other carloads	43,853	D	1,756	3.9	I	1,043	2.4
LCL traffic	448	I	192	75.0	D	15	3.2
Total Cars Loaded	448,476	D	11,198	2.4	D	9,411	2.1
Corresponding week of 1980	459,674						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks)	4,705,290	4,814,868	D	2.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
10 Weeks cumulative	177.6	175.1	I	1.4
Week ended March 14	18.9	19.3	D	2.1
11 Weeks cumulative	196.5	194.4	I	1.1

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WASHINGTON, March 26, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 21 totaled an estimated 19.4 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 215.9 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 21 totaled 463,089 cars, 0.2 percent below 1980, but 3.4 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.9 percent in the East and 0.7 percent in the South, but down 3.6 percent in the West. Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings soared to 135,341, 21.0 percent over 1980 and the highest single week since June 20, 1957. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended March 14 totaled 34,401 cars, down 2.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 62,259 trailers and/or containers, down 2.5 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of the year was 345,133 cars, 6.2 percent lower than last year, and 624,205 trailers and/or containers, down 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/21/81:

	Loadings in Week ended March 21, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	
Grain	27,396	D	4,122	13.1	I	632	2.4
Other farm products	3,376	D	363	9.7	D	485	12.6
Metallic ores	27,837	I	1,376	5.2	D	1,309	4.5
Coal	135,341	I	23,462	21.0	I	14,690	12.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,337	D	1,913	13.4	D	690	5.3
Nonmetallic minerals	13,501	D	1,679	11.1	I	133	1.0
Grain mill products	15,682	D	1,943	11.0	I	280	1.8
Food and kindred products	16,462	D	2,800	14.5	I	286	1.8
Primary forest products	19,592	D	455	2.3	D	99	0.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,009	D	1,388	13.4	I	439	5.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,649	D	1,649	7.4	I	454	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	30,399	I	314	1.0	I	1,088	3.7
Petroleum products	5,019	D	1,091	17.9	D	282	5.3
Stone, clay and glass products	14,911	D	641	4.1	I	215	1.5
Coke	6,545	D	756	10.4	D	2	0.0
Metals and products	17,527	D	1,468	7.7	I	679	4.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,866	D	1,665	8.1	I	209	1.2
Waste and scrap materials	13,801	D	226	1.6	D	691	4.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,246	D	1,048	8.5	I	86	0.8
All other carloads	43,322	D	2,993	6.5	D	497	1.1
LCL traffic	271	D	76	21.9	D	9	3.2
Total Cars Loaded	463,089	D	1,124	0.2	I	15,127	3.4
Corresponding week of 1980	464,213						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (12 weeks)	5,167,865	5,279,081	D	2.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
11 Weeks cumulative	196.5	194.4	I	1.1
Week ended March 21	19.4	19.5	D	0.1
12 Weeks cumulative	215.9	213.9	I	0.9

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WASHINGTON, April 2, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during tne week ended Marcn 28 totaled an estimated 19.0 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, tne Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 234.9 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 28 totaled 453,781 cars, 1.5 percent below 1980, and 2.0 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.8 percent in the East, but down 2.4 percent in the South and 2.7 percent in the West. Compared witn tne corresponding week of 1980, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings, which totaled 128,063, were up 13.4 percent over 1980. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported tnat piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended March 21 totaled 34,211 cars, down 2.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 62,537 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of tne year was 379,344 cars, 5.9 percent lower than last year, and 686,742 trailers and/or containers, down 5.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/28/81:

	Loadings in Week ended March 28, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	22,953	D	4,796	17.3	D	4,443	16.2
Other farm products	3,083	D	476	13.4	D	293	8.7
Metallic ores	27,525	I	145	0.5	D	312	1.1
Coal	128,063	I	15,143	13.4	D	7,278	5.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,567	D	843	6.3	I	230	1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	13,293	D	1,307	9.0	D	208	1.5
Grain mill products	15,260	D	2,104	12.1	D	422	2.7
Food and kindred products	16,846	D	2,789	14.2	I	384	2.3
Primary forest products	19,190	D	103	0.5	D	402	2.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,888	I	260	2.7	I	879	9.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,687	D	2,216	9.7	I	38	0.2
Chemicals and allied products	31,237	I	896	3.0	I	838	2.8
Petroleum products	5,359	D	594	10.0	I	340	6.8
Stone, clay and glass products	15,338	D	593	3.7	I	427	2.9
Coke	6,262	D	496	7.3	D	283	4.3
Metals and products	18,184	D	1,899	9.5	I	657	3.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,745	I	1	0.0	I	879	4.7
Waste and scrap materials	13,213	D	998	7.0	D	588	4.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,553	D	1,268	9.9	I	307	2.7
All other carloads	43,248	D	3,045	6.6	D	74	0.2
LCL traffic	287	I	65	29.3	I	16	5.0
Total Cars Loaded	453,781	D	7,017	1.5	D	9,308	2.0
Corresponding week of 1980	460,798						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (13 weeks)	5,621,646	5,739,879	D	2.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
12 Weeks cumulative	215.9	213.9	I	0.9
Week ended March 28	19.0	19.2	D	0.8
13 Weeks cumulative	234.9	233.1	I	0.8

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WASHINGTON, April 9, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 4 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 3.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 251.7 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 4 totaled 396,732 cars, 5.2 percent below 1980, and 12.5 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.9 percent in the West, but down 14.2 percent in the East and 8.2 percent in the South. The sharp declines in the East and South are attributable to the impact of the first week of the coal miners' strike.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were up. Coal loadings were down 32.6 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended March 28 totaled 33,699 cars, down 5.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,296 trailers and/or containers, down 5.6 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of the year was 413,043 cars, 5.8 percent lower than last year, and 748,038 trailers and/or containers, down 5.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/4/81:

	Loadings in Week ended April 4, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,369	D	1,800	6.9	I	1,585	7.0
Other farm products	3,003	D	98	3.2	D	80	2.6
Metallic ores	28,621	I	3,509	14.0	I	1,096	4.0
Coal	70,320	D	33,944	32.6	D	57,743	45.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,987	I	83	0.6	I	421	3.4
Nonmetallic minerals	13,794	I	297	2.2	I	501	3.8
Grain mill products	14,884	D	124	0.8	D	345	2.3
Food and kindred products	15,934	D	912	5.4	D	925	5.5
Primary forest products	18,546	I	495	2.7	D	644	3.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,374	I	909	10.7	D	516	5.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,869	I	116	0.6	I	185	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	29,890	I	2,352	8.5	D	1,356	4.3
Petroleum products	4,931	D	771	13.5	D	428	8.0
Stone, clay and glass products	14,955	D	138	0.9	D	383	2.5
Coke	6,321	I	328	5.5	I	54	0.9
Metals and products	18,780	I	317	1.7	I	605	3.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,224	I	3,227	20.2	D	512	2.6
Waste and scrap materials	13,279	I	777	6.2	I	98	0.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,508	I	146	1.3	D	45	0.4
All other carloads	44,883	I	3,254	7.8	I	1,633	3.8
LCL traffic	260	I	53	32.0	D	24	8.5
Total Cars Loaded	396,732	D	21,914	5.2	D	56,823	12.5
Corresponding week of 1980	418,646						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (14 weeks)	6,018,152	6,158,525	D	2.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
13 Weeks cumulative	234.9	233.1	I	0.8
Week ended April 4	16.8	16.3	I	3.0
14 Weeks cumulative	251.7	249.3	I	1.0

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WASHINGTON, April 16, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 11 totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 8.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 267.6 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 11 totaled 379,327 cars, 14.9 percent below 1980, and 4.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 29.1 percent in the East, 11.6 percent in the South and 6.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 12 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 50 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended April 4 totaled 33,752 cars, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,520 trailers and/or containers, up 3.9 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of the year was 446,795 cars, 5.2 percent lower than last year, and 809,558 trailers and/or containers, down 5.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/11/81:

	Loadings in Week ended April 11, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,399	D	3,958	14.0	I	11	0.0
Other farm products	3,720	I	291	8.5	I	706	23.4
Metallic ores	27,813	D	2,167	7.2	D	821	2.9
Coal	58,920	D	58,944	50.0	D	11,400	16.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,434	I	588	4.2	I	1,444	11.1
Nonmetallic minerals	13,870	D	1,019	6.8	I	74	0.5
Grain mill products	14,470	D	2,081	12.6	D	420	2.8
Food and kindred products	15,680	D	1,604	9.3	D	223	1.4
Primary forest products	19,407	I	1,047	5.7	I	850	4.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,040	I	1,215	15.5	D	325	3.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,650	D	767	3.8	D	1,213	5.8
Chemicals and allied products	27,768	D	659	2.3	D	2,052	6.9
Petroleum products	5,250	D	1,025	16.3	I	315	6.4
Stone, clay and glass products	15,117	D	487	3.1	I	239	1.6
Coke	6,308	D	663	9.5	D	109	1.7
Metals and products	17,244	D	804	4.5	D	1,509	8.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,872	I	2,604	16.0	D	306	1.6
Waste and scrap materials	13,959	I	730	5.5	I	716	5.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,879	I	257	2.4	D	599	5.2
All other carloads	42,294	I	1,159	2.8	D	2,468	5.5
LCL traffic	233	I	44	23.3	D	27	10.4
Total Cars Loaded	379,327	D	66,243	14.9	D	17,117	4.3
Corresponding week of 1980	445,570						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks)	6,397,191	6,604,095	D	3.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
14 Weeks cumulative	251.7	249.3	I	1.0
Week ended April 11	15.9	17.4	D	8.2
15 Weeks cumulative	267.6	266.6	I	0.4

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WASHINGTON, April 23, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 18 totaled an estimated 15.5 billion ton-miles, 11.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was again attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 283.1 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 18 totaled 367,881 cars, 18.3 percent below 1980, and 3.0 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 35.3 percent in the East, 12.5 percent in the South and 9.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 55,364 cars, or 47.8 percent. Eighteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended April 11 totaled 33,169 cars, up 7.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,484 trailers and/or containers, up 5.6 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of the year was 479,964 cars, 4.5 percent lower than last year, and 870,042 trailers and/or containers, down 4.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/18/81:

	Loadings in Week ended April 18, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,824	D	7,295	25.1	D	2,575	10.6
Other farm products	3,714	I	209	6.0	D	6	0.2
Metallic ores	30,377	D	1,094	3.5	I	2,564	9.2
Coal	60,552	D	55,364	47.8	I	1,632	2.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,972	I	396	2.9	D	462	3.2
Nonmetallic minerals	13,855	D	1,223	8.1	D	15	0.1
Grain mill products	13,709	D	3,077	18.3	D	761	5.3
Food and kindred products	14,968	D	2,643	15.0	D	712	4.5
Primary forest products	18,924	I	431	2.3	D	483	2.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,205	I	1,276	16.1	I	165	1.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,394	D	1,021	5.0	D	256	1.3
Chemicals and allied products	27,478	D	132	0.5	D	290	1.1
Petroleum products	4,496	D	1,280	22.2	D	754	14.4
Stone, clay and glass products	14,071	D	1,825	11.5	D	1,046	6.9
Coke	5,655	D	692	10.9	D	653	10.4
Metals and products	16,372	D	2,088	11.3	D	872	5.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,084	D	745	4.2	D	1,788	9.5
Waste and scrap materials	12,555	D	1,716	12.0	D	1,404	10.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,191	D	745	6.8	D	688	6.3
All other carloads	39,269	D	3,804	8.8	D	3,025	7.2
LCL traffic	216	I	29	15.5	D	17	7.3
Total Cars Loaded	367,881	D	82,403	18.3	D	11,446	3.0
Corresponding week of 1980	450,284						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (16 weeks)	5,765,072	7,054,379	D	4.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
15 Weeks cumulative	267.6	266.6	I	0.4
Week ended April 18	15.5	17.5	D	11.6
16 Weeks cumulative	283.1	284.2	D	0.4

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WASHINGTON, April 30, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 25 totaled an estimated 16.2 billion ton-miles, 8.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 299.3 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 25 totaled 384,783 cars, 15.4 percent below 1980, but 4.6 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 30.2 percent in the East, 12.2 percent in the South and 5.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 56,454 cars, or 48.1 percent. Seventeen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended April 18 totaled 31,016 cars, down 5.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 57,294 trailers and/or containers, down 3.5 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 510,980 cars, 4.5 percent lower than last year, and 927,336 trailers and/or containers, down 4.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/25/81:

	Loadings in Week ended April 25, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,359	D	1,817	7.2	I	1,571	7.2
Other farm products	3,581	D	352	8.9	D	133	3.4
Metallic ores	32,815	D	802	2.4	I	2,438	8.0
Coal	60,973	D	56,454	48.1	I	421	0.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,082	I	278	1.9	I	1,089	7.8
Nonmetallic minerals	14,972	D	649	4.2	I	1,124	8.1
Grain mill products	13,589	D	2,668	16.4	D	121	0.1
Food and kindred products	16,019	D	1,206	7.0	I	1,055	7.1
Primary forest products	20,005	I	1,005	5.3	I	1,081	5.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,405	I	1,161	14.1	I	201	2.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,205	D	574	2.8	I	814	4.2
Chemicals and allied products	28,537	D	1,248	4.2	I	1,057	3.9
Petroleum products	4,802	D	901	15.8	I	306	6.8
Stone, clay and glass products	14,885	D	1,099	6.9	I	812	5.8
Coke	6,208	D	63	1.0	I	553	9.8
Metals and products	18,176	D	246	1.3	I	1,800	11.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,986	I	782	4.3	I	1,901	11.1
Waste and scrap materials	13,128	D	934	6.6	I	586	4.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,080	D	1,087	9.7	D	111	1.1
All other carloads	39,786	D	2,995	7.0	I	506	1.3
LCL traffic	190	D	21	10.0	D	26	12.0
Total Cars Loaded	384,783	D	69,890	15.4	I	16,924	4.6
Corresponding week of 1980	454,673						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks)	7,149,889	7,509,052	D	4.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
16 Weeks cumulative	283.1	284.2	D	0.4
Week ended April 25	16.2	17.7	D	8.6
17 Weeks cumulative	299.3	301.9	D	0.9

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WASHINGTON, May 7, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 2 totaled an estimated 16.6 billion ton-miles, 6.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was primarily attributable to the impact of tne United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 315.9 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 2 totaled 396,029 cars, 13.5 percent below 1980, but 2.8 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 27.2 percent in the East, 12.2 percent in tne South and 4.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 53,964 cars, or 46.8 percent. Sixteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended April 25 totaled 31,461 cars, down 2.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 55,778 trailers and/or containers, down 5.9 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of the year was 542,441 cars, 4.4 percent lower than last year, and 983,114 trailers and/or containers, down 4.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/2/81:

	Loadings in Week ended May 2, 1981	Change from Corresponding Week 1980		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	23,319	D 577	2.4	D 284	1.2
Other farm products	3,968	D 629	13.7	I 382	10.7
Metallic ores	32,453	D 2,957	8.4	D 361	1.1
Coal	61,244	D 53,964	46.8	I 371	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,780	D 929	5.9	D 250	1.7
Nonmetallic minerals	14,967	D 1,765	10.5	D 12	0.1
Grain mill products	14,552	D 1,917	11.6	I 844	6.2
Food and kindred products	16,583	D 964	5.5	I 654	4.1
Primary forest products	19,455	D 429	2.2	D 554	2.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,207	I 1,565	18.1	I 784	8.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,762	D 1,136	5.2	I 479	2.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,789	D 1,363	4.5	I 226	0.8
Petroleum products	5,003	D 574	10.3	I 211	4.4
Stone, clay and glass products	15,248	D 468	3.0	I 300	2.0
Coke	6,980	I 1,481	26.9	I 766	12.3
Metals and products	19,370	I 741	4.0	I 1,127	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,406	I 3,335	19.5	I 1,381	7.3
Waste and scrap materials	13,836	D 692	4.8	I 684	5.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,066	D 213	1.9	I 968	9.6
All other carloads	42,834	D 468	1.1	I 2,918	7.3
LCL traffic	207	I 8	4.0	I 16	8.4
Total Cars Loaded	396,029	D 61,915	13.5	I 10,650	2.8
Corresponding week of 1980	457,944				

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (18 weeks)	7,546,514	7,966,996	D	5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
17 Weeks cumulative	299.3	301.9	D	0.9
Week ended May 2	16.6	17.8	D	6.5
18 Weeks cumulative	315.9	319.7	D	1.2

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WASHINGTON, May 14, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 9 totaled an estimated 16.0 billion ton-miles, 9.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 332.0 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 9 totaled 383,051 cars, 13.7 percent below 1980, and 3.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 25.6 percent in the East, 11.0 percent in the South, and 6.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 12 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 55,058 cars, or 47.4 percent. Eighteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended May 2 totaled 32,044 cars, down 2.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,825 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of the year was 573,343 cars, 4.5 percent lower than last year, and 1,044,939 trailers and/or containers, down 4.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/9/81:

	Loadings in Week ended May 9, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,316	D	4,246	16.6	D	2,003	8.6
Other farm products	4,196	D	576	12.1	I	228	5.8
Metallic ores	31,585	D	3,080	8.9	D	868	2.7
Coal	61,093	D	55,058	47.4	D	151	0.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,496	D	1,170	7.5	D	284	1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	14,459	D	1,362	8.6	D	508	3.4
Grain mill products	14,522	D	1,181	7.5	D	30	0.2
Food and kindred products	15,884	D	1,597	9.1	D	699	4.2
Primary forest products	19,281	D	1,027	5.1	D	174	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,769	I	835	10.5	D	1,438	14.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,821	D	455	2.2	D	941	4.5
Chemicals and allied products	28,154	I	1,193	4.4	D	635	2.2
Petroleum products	5,315	D	321	5.7	I	312	6.2
Stone, clay and glass products	14,759	D	1,371	8.5	D	489	1.9
Coke	7,309	I	2,260	44.8	I	329	4.7
Metals and products	16,977	I	1,022	6.4	D	2,393	12.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,557	I	3,613	22.7	D	849	4.2
Waste and scrap materials	13,457	I	1,028	8.3	D	379	2.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,596	I	169	1.6	D	470	4.3
All other carloads	41,312	I	604	1.5	D	1,522	3.6
LCL traffic	193	I	22	12.9	D	14	6.8
Total Cars Loaded	383,051	D	60,698	13.7	D	12,978	3.3
Corresponding week of 1980	443,749						

	1981	1980		% Change
Total Cars Loaded (19 weeks)	7,929,565	8,410,745	D	5.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
18 Weeks cumulative	315.9	319.7	D	1.2
Week ended May 9	16.0	17.6	D	9.0
19 Weeks cumulative	332.0	337.3	D	1.6

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WASHINGTON, May 21, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 16 totaled an estimated 16.3 billion ton-miles, 7.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 348.2 billion ton-miles, 1.9 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 16 totaled 388,590 cars, 11.9 percent below 1980, but 1.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 22.8 percent in the East, 9.2 percent in the South, and 5.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 53,726 cars, or 46.2 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended May 9 totaled 33,682 cars, up 5.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,328 trailers and/or containers, up 4.1 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of the year was 607,025 cars, 4.0 percent lower than last year, and 1,105,367 trailers and/or containers, down 3.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/16/81:

	Loadings in Week ended May 16, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,081	D	3,882	15.6	D	235	1.1
Other farm products	4,818	D	143	2.9	I	622	14.8
Metallic ores	35,668	D	246	0.7	I	4,083	12.9
Coal	62,534	D	53,726	46.2	I	1,441	2.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,131	D	1,116	7.3	D	365	2.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,440	I	1,449	11.2	D	19	0.1
Grain mill products	14,343	D	2,029	12.4	D	179	1.2
Food and kindred products	16,292	D	1,726	9.6	I	408	2.7
Primary forest products	20,006	I	201	1.0	I	725	3.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,402	D	72	0.8	D	367	4.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,617	D	1,304	6.2	D	204	1.0
Chemicals and allied products	28,186	I	2,823	11.1	I	32	0.1
Petroleum products	5,364	D	213	3.8	I	49	0.9
Stone, clay and glass products	14,849	D	622	4.0	I	90	0.6
Coke	6,973	I	1,309	23.1	D	336	4.6
Metals and products	16,836	I	416	2.5	D	141	0.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,722	I	6,016	40.9	I	1,165	6.0
Waste and scrap materials	13,694	I	1,303	10.5	I	237	1.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,817	D	442	4.3	D	779	7.4
All other carloads	40,582	D	412	1.0	D	730	1.8
LCL traffic	235	I	61	35.1	I	42	21.8
Total Cars Loaded	388,590	D	52,355	11.9	I	5,539	1.5
Corresponding week of 1980	443,749						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (20 weeks)	8,318,155	8,851,690	D	6.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
19 Weeks cumulative	332.0	337.3	D	1.6
Week ended May 16	16.3	17.6	D	7.3
20 Weeks cumulative	348.2	354.8	D	1.9

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WASHINGTON, May 29, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 23 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 4.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 364.9 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 23 totaled 397,327 cars, 9.7 percent below 1980, but 2.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.4 percent in the East, 4.5 percent in the South, and 2.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 11 of the 21 commodity groups were up, led by loadings of motor vehicles and equipment, which increased by 5,388 cars, or 36.0 percent. Coal loadings were off 51,804 cars, or 44.5 percent. Fourteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended May 16 totaled 34,091 cars, up 9.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,249 trailers and/or containers, up 8.3 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of the year was 641,116 cars, 3.3 percent lower than last year, and 1,165,616 trailers and/or containers, down 3.2 percent. —

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/23/81:

	Loadings in Week ended May 23, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	20,886	D	3,218	13.4	D 195	0.9
Other farm products	4,937	I	123	2.6	I 119	2.5
Metallic ores	38,528	I	1,221	3.3	I 2,868	8.0
Coal	64,642	D	51,804	44.5	I 2,108	3.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,149	D	1,506	9.6	I 6	0.0
Nonmetallic minerals	13,759	D	202	1.4	D 673	4.7
Grain mill products	14,100	D	1,978	12.3	D 243	1.7
Food and kindred products	17,308	D	917	5.0	I 1,013	6.2
Primary forest products	19,216	I	844	4.6	D 791	3.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,192	I	422	4.8	I 790	9.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,063	D	975	4.6	I 445	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	28,408	I	3,275	13.0	I 227	0.8
Petroleum products	5,419	D	120	2.2	I 55	1.0
Stone, clay and glass products	14,711	D	80	0.5	D 140	0.9
Coke	7,557	I	2,249	42.4	I 584	8.4
Metals and products	17,969	I	1,897	11.8	I 1,117	6.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,164	I	5,338	36.0	D 563	2.7
Waste and scrap materials	13,923	I	2,170	18.5	I 227	1.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,064	D	195	1.9	I 247	2.5
All other carloads	42,127	I	957	2.3	I 1,523	3.8
LCL traffic	205	I	13	6.8	D 30	12.8
Total Cars Loaded	397,327	D	42,486	9.7	I 8,694	2.2
Corresponding week of 1980	439,813					

	1981	1980	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (21 weeks)	8,715,525	9,291,503	D 6.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
20 Weeks cumulative	348.2	354.8	D 1.9
Week ended May 23	16.7	17.5	D 4.8
21 Weeks cumulative	364.9	372.4	D 2.0

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WASHINGTON, June 4, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 30 totaled an estimated 15.3 billion ton-miles, 3.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day Holiday. The decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 380.2 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 30 totaled 361,900 cars, 7.7 percent below 1980, and 8.9 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.6 percent in the West, but down 19.6 percent in the East, and 8.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 11 of the 21 commodity groups were down, with coal loadings off 40,299 cars, or 39.3 percent. Twenty of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended May 23 totaled 34,319 cars, up 8.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,247 trailers and/or containers, up 6.1 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 675,430 cars, 2.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,226,863 trailers and/or containers, down 2.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/30/81:

	Loadings in Week ended May 30, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,853	I	33	0.2	D	1,033	4.9
Other farm products	4,565	I	517	12.8	D	372	7.5
Metallic ores	38,855	I	6,565	20.3	I	327	0.8
Coal	62,083	D	40,229	39.3	D	2,676	4.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,697	D	849	6.3	D	1,442	10.2
Nonmetallic minerals	12,869	D	1,126	8.0	D	888	6.5
Grain mill products	12,555	D	2,518	16.7	D	1,545	11.0
Food and kindred products	14,442	D	2,089	12.6	D	2,869	16.6
Primary forest products	16,891	D	1,766	9.5	D	2,323	12.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,739	D	307	3.8	D	1,455	15.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,699	D	336	1.7	D	364	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	24,072	I	1,437	6.3	D	4,338	15.3
Petroleum products	4,642	D	341	6.8	D	777	14.3
Stone, clay and glass products	13,271	D	51	0.4	D	1,439	9.8
Coke	7,078	I	2,009	39.6	D	479	6.3
Metals and products	16,239	I	1,976	13.9	D	1,713	9.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,314	I	3,303	23.6	D	2,846	14.1
Waste and scrap materials	11,711	I	1,747	17.5	D	2,249	16.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,322	D	176	2.1	D	1,742	17.3
All other carloads	36,831	I	2,198	6.3	D	5,304	12.6
LCL traffic	172	I	19	12.4	D	33	16.1
Total Cars Loaded	361,900	D	29,984	7.7	D	35,560	8.9
Corresponding week of 1980	391,884						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	9,077,558	9,683,387	D	6.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
21 Weeks cumulative	364.9	372.4	D	2.0
Week ended May 30	15.3	15.8	D	3.1
22 Weeks cumulative	380.2	388.1	D	2.0

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WASHINGTON, June 11, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 6 totaled an estimated 16.3 billion ton-miles, 9.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 396.5 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 6 totaled 390,816 cars, 13.4 percent below 1980, but 8.0 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.9 percent in the East, 11.7 percent in the South, and 6.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down, with coal loadings off 54,831 cars, or 45.2 percent. Nineteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended May 30 totaled 29,861 cars, up 9.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 53,213 trailers and/or containers, up 8.5 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 705,291 cars, 2.3 percent lower than last year, and 1,280,076 trailers and/or containers, down 2.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/6/81:

	Loadings in Week ended June 6, 1981	Change from Corresponding Week 1980		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	22,324	D 3,937	15.0	I 2,471	12.5
Other farm products	4,650	D 194	4.0	I 85	1.9
Metallic ores	34,004	D 4,089	10.7	D 4,851	12.5
Coal	66,401	D 54,831	45.2	I 4,318	7.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,145	D 1,839	11.5	I 1,448	11.4
Nonmetallic minerals	14,852	I 736	5.2	I 1,983	15.4
Grain mill products	15,334	D 1,378	8.2	I 2,779	22.1
Food and kindred products	16,211	D 1,568	8.8	I 1,769	12.3
Primary forest products	19,150	D 1,920	9.1	I 2,259	13.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,636	D 244	2.7	I 897	11.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,376	D 852	4.0	I 677	3.4
Chemicals and allied products	25,773	I 604	2.4	I 1,701	7.1
Petroleum products	5,171	D 510	9.0	I 529	11.4
Stone, clay and glass products	14,607	D 896	5.8	I 1,336	10.1
Coke	7,034	I 2,335	49.7	D 44	0.6
Metals and products	17,100	I 2,404	16.4	I 861	5.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,654	I 4,106	24.8	I 3,340	19.3
Waste and scrap materials	12,877	I 1,399	12.2	I 1,166	10.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,179	D 164	1.6	I 1,857	22.3
All other carloads	41,096	I 259	0.6	I 4,265	11.6
LCL traffic	242	I 69	39.9	I 70	40.7
Total Cars Loaded	390,816	D 60,510	13.4	I 28,916	8.0
Corresponding week of 1980	451,326				

	1981	1980	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	9,468,374	10,134,713	D 6.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
22 Weeks cumulative	380.2	388.1	D 2.0
Week ended June 6	16.3	18.1	D 9.8
23 Weeks cumulative	396.5	406.2	D 2.4

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WASHINGTON, June 18, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 13 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 4.9 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The decline was primarily attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike, which did not end until June 8.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 413.7 billion ton-miles, 2.5 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 13 totaled 415,629 cars, 7.7 percent below 1980, but 6.3 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.3 percent in the East, 6.8 percent in the South, and 5.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 12 of the 21 commodity groups were down, with coal loadings off 30,770 cars, or 25.0 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended June 6 totaled 34,503 cars, up 11.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 61,334 trailers and/or containers, up 8.6 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 739,794 cars, 1.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,341,410 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/13/81:

	Loadings in Week ended June 13, 1981	Change from Corresponding Week 1980		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	25,182	D 2,279	8.3	I 2,844	12.7
Other farm products	4,489	D 99	2.2	D 161	3.5
Metallic ores	36,120	I 2,875	8.6	I 2,116	6.2
Coal	92,175	D 30,770	25.0	I 25,758	38.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,220	D 2,633	16.6	D 931	6.6
Nonmetallic minerals	14,641	D 1,632	10.0	D 210	1.4
Grain mill products	13,926	D 3,056	18.0	D 1,408	9.2
Food and kindred products	15,359	D 2,668	14.8	D 839	5.2
Primary forest products	18,437	D 2,357	11.3	D 713	3.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,413	D 185	2.2	D 222	2.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,259	D 1,417	6.9	D 1,115	5.5
Chemicals and allied products	26,280	I 683	2.7	I 504	2.0
Petroleum products	5,010	D 569	10.2	D 163	3.2
Stone, clay and glass products	14,115	D 1,232	8.0	D 493	3.4
Coke	7,388	I 2,658	56.2	I 354	5.0
Metals and products	16,148	I 1,303	8.8	D 949	5.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,295	I 4,167	25.8	D 318	1.5
Waste and scrap materials	12,770	I 1,513	13.4	D 157	1.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,130	I 211	2.1	D 49	0.5
All other carloads	42,051	I 795	1.9	I 950	2.3
LCL traffic	221	I 37	20.1	D 21	8.7
Total Cars Loaded	415,629	D 34,655	7.7	I 24,777	6.3
Corresponding week of 1980	450,284				

	1981	1980	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	9,877,549	10,584,997	D 6.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 Weeks cumulative	396.5	406.2	D 2.4
Week ended June 13	17.2	18.1	D 4.9
24 Weeks cumulative	413.7	424.3	D 2.5

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WASHINGTON, June 25, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 20 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 431.8 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 20 totaled 437,422 cars, 2.5 percent below 1980, but 5.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 1.9 percent in the East, 3.5 percent in the South, and 2.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down, with coal loadings down 8.1 percent. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 25.5 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended June 13 totaled 34,009 cars, up 6.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,593 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 773,803 cars, 1.4 percent lower than last year, and 1,402,003 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/20/81:

	Loadings in Week ended June 20, 1981	Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,682	D	1,636	5.6	I	2,473	9.8
Other farm products	4,086	D	606	12.9	D	407	9.1
Metallic ores	37,747	I	2,730	7.8	I	1,627	4.5
Coal	110,633	D	9,798	8.1	I	18,445	20.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,873	D	1,129	7.5	I	642	4.9
Nonmetallic minerals	13,202	D	4,059	23.5	D	1,445	9.9
Grain mill products	13,791	D	2,567	15.7	D	135	1.0
Food and kindred products	15,209	D	2,767	15.4	D	151	1.0
Primary forest products	18,786	D	1,911	9.2	I	349	1.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,904	D	201	2.2	I	490	5.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,584	D	998	4.8	I	325	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	26,455	I	1,378	5.5	I	175	0.7
Petroleum products	4,855	D	522	9.7	D	153	3.1
Stone, clay and glass products	14,116	D	620	4.2	I	4	0.0
Coke	7,213	I	2,459	51.7	D	175	2.4
Metals and products	16,219	I	2,096	14.8	I	54	0.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,896	I	4,046	25.5	D	400	2.0
Waste and scrap materials	12,611	I	2,029	19.2	D	155	1.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,680	D	656	6.3	D	450	4.4
All other carloads	42,659	I	1,562	3.8	I	617	1.5
LCL traffic	221	I	25	12.8	-	-	-
Total Cars Loaded	437,422	D	11,145	2.5	I	21,730	5.2
Corresponding week of 1980	448,567						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	10,316,599	11,033,564	D	6.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
24 Weeks cumulative	413.7	424.3	D	2.5
Week ended June 20	18.0	18.1	D	0.3
25 Weeks cumulative	431.8	442.4	D	2.4

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WASHINGTON, July 2, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 27 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 4.1 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 450.3 billion ton-miles, 2.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year. The decline during the first half of the year was attributable primarily to the 73-day strike by the United Mine Workers.

Carloadings in the week ended June 27 totaled 452,336 cars, 0.6 percent above 1980, and 3.4 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 8.2 percent in the East, but down 1.6 percent in the South, and 3.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were down, but coal loadings were up 8,573 cars, or 7.3 percent, and metallic ores, motor vehicles and equipment, and coke all registered sharp increases. Fourteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended June 20 totaled 34,568 cars, up 9.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,852 trailers and/or containers, up 4.1 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 808,371 cars, 1.0 percent lower than last year, and 1,462,855 trailers and/or containers, down 1.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/27/81:

	Loadings in Week ended June 27, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,868	D	4,420	14.6	D	1,814	6.6
Other farm products	3,858	D	896	18.8	D	228	5.6
Metallic ores	39,086	I	5,248	15.5	I	1,339	3.6
Coal	125,906	I	8,573	7.3	I	15,273	13.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,810	D	1,136	7.6	D	63	0.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,445	D	2,427	14.4	I	1,243	9.4
Grain mill products	13,789	D	3,426	19.9	D	45	0.3
Food and kindred products	16,033	D	2,641	14.1	I	816	5.4
Primary forest products	18,377	D	1,985	9.7	D	409	2.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,682	D	550	6.0	D	227	2.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,078	D	1,821	8.3	I	508	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,540	I	915	3.7	D	909	3.4
Petroleum products	4,832	D	588	10.8	D	23	0.5
Stone, clay and glass products	14,064	D	876	5.9	D	50	0.4
Coke	7,143	I	2,981	71.6	D	70	1.0
Metals and products	15,932	I	803	5.3	D	287	1.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,235	I	5,035	33.1	I	341	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	12,124	I	1,925	18.9	D	484	3.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,106	D	887	8.1	I	426	4.4
All other carloads	42,229	D	961	2.2	D	434	1.0
LCL traffic	199	D	1	0.5	D	22	10.0
Total Cars Loaded	452,336	I	2,865	0.6	I	14,881	3.4
Corresponding week of 1980	449,471						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	10,768,968	11,483,035	D	6.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
25 Weeks cumulative	431.8	442.4	D	2.4
Week ended June 27	18.5	17.8	I	4.1
26 Weeks cumulative	450.3	460.2	D	2.2

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WASHINGTON, July 9, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 4 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 18.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day holiday.

The cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 467.4 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 4 totaled 405,271 cars, 17.3 percent above 1980, but 10.4 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 40.6 percent in the East, 15.5 percent in the South, and 5.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were up, with coal loadings showing an increase of 40,210 cars, or 58.0 percent. Twenty of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended June 27 totaled 35,079 cars, up 7.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 62,285 trailers and/or containers, up 2.1 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 843,450 cars, 0.7 percent lower than last year, and 1,525,140 trailers and/or containers, down 1.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/4/81:

	Loadings in Week ended July 4, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,420	D	7,321	23.8	D	2,448	9.5
Other farm products	3,137	D	850	21.3	D	721	18.7
Metallic ores	36,822	I	8,164	28.5	D	2,264	5.8
Coal	109,480	I	40,210	58.0	D	16,426	13.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,658	I	344	2.8	D	1,152	8.3
Nonmetallic minerals	14,558	I	16	0.1	I	113	0.8
Grain mill products	12,179	D	1,674	12.1	D	1,610	11.7
Food and kindred products	13,725	D	1,242	8.3	D	2,308	14.4
Primary forest products	14,920	D	317	2.1	D	3,457	18.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,841	I	142	2.1	D	1,841	21.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,388	I	636	3.6	D	1,690	8.4
Chemicals and allied products	23,886	I	2,625	12.3	D	1,654	6.5
Petroleum products	4,505	D	67	1.5	D	327	6.8
Stone, clay and glass products	13,193	I	133	1.0	D	871	6.2
Coke	6,432	I	2,871	80.6	D	711	10.0
Metals and products	14,967	I	3,123	26.4	D	965	6.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,790	I	3,984	31.1	D	3,445	17.0
Waste and scrap materials	10,471	I	2,556	32.3	D	1,653	13.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,481	I	701	8.0	D	625	6.2
All other carloads	39,244	I	5,855	17.5	D	2,985	7.1
LCL traffic	174	I	12	7.4	D	25	12.6
Total Cars Loaded	405,271	I	59,901	17.3	D	47,065	10.4
Corresponding week of 1980	345,370						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	11,174,239	11,828,405	D	5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
26 Weeks cumulative	450.3	460.2	D	2.2
Week ended July 4	17.1	14.4	I	18.4
27 Weeks cumulative	467.4	474.6	D	1.5

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WASHINGTON, July 16, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 11 totaled an estimated 16.3 billion ton-miles, 3.6 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 483.7 billion ton-miles, 1.4 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 11 totaled 388,569 cars, 3.4 percent above 1980, but 4.1 percent lower than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 26.9 percent in the East and 1.5 percent in the South, but down 7.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 29,851 cars, or 42.3 percent, metallic ores were up 8,470 cars, or 27.7 percent, and loadings of coke registered at 75.1 percent increase. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the holiday week ended July 4 totaled 33,098 cars, up 24.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 58,592 trailers and/or containers, up 20.8 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 876,548 cars, 0.1 percent higher than last year, but 1,583,732 trailers and/or containers, down 0.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/11/81:

	Loadings in Week ended July 11, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	20,132	D	16,265	44.7	D	3,288	14.0	
Other farm products	3,705	D	970	20.7	I	568	18.1	
Metallic ores	39,068	I	8,470	27.7	I	2,248	6.1	
Coal	100,464	I	29,851	42.3	D	8,986	8.2	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,185	D	1,585	10.7	I	517	4.1	
Nonmetallic minerals	15,094	D	1,917	11.3	I	539	3.7	
Grain mill products	12,313	D	3,155	20.4	I	98	0.8	
Food and kindred products	13,789	D	3,064	18.2	I	60	0.4	
Primary forest products	16,709	D	2,285	12.0	I	1,788	12.0	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,193	D	1,150	15.7	D	644	9.4	
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,095	D	900	5.3	D	2,272	12.4	
Chemicals and allied products	24,113	D	91	0.4	I	226	10.0	
Petroleum products	4,936	D	567	10.3	I	431	9.6	
Stone, clay and glass products	13,843	D	894	6.1	I	651	4.9	
Coke	6,780	I	2,909	75.1	I	351	5.5	
Metals and products	13,858	I	1,656	13.6	D	1,103	7.4	
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,206	I	628	5.0	D	3,585	21.4	
Waste and scrap materials	10,395	I	1,281	14.1	D	64	0.6	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,852	D	831	9.6	D	1,637	17.3	
All other carloads	36,659	I	1,699	4.9	D	2,606	6.6	
LCL traffic	180	I	31	20.8	I	6	3.5	
Total Cars Loaded	388,569	I	12,851	3.4	D	16,702	4.1	
Corresponding week of 1980	375,718							

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	11,562,808	12,204,123	D	5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
27 Weeks cumulative	467.4	474.6	D	1.5
Week ended July 11	16.3	15.8	I	3.6
28 Weeks cumulative	483.7	490.4	D	1.4

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WASHINGTON, July 23, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 18 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 7.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 501.4 billion ton-miles, 1.1 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 18 totaled 425,607 cars, 5.0 percent above 1980, and 9.0 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 18.2 percent in the East and 0.5 percent in the West, but down 0.8 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 12 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 21,797 cars, or 22.4 percent, metallic ores were up 11,205 cars, or 38.1 percent, and loadings of coke registered a 52.5 percent increase. Sixteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended July 11 totaled 30,118 cars, up 8.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 51,704 trailers and/or containers, up 3.5 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 906,666 cars, 0.3 percent higher than last year, and 1,635,436 trailers and/or containers, down 0.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/18/81:

	Loadings in Week ended July 18, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,820	D	8,826	27.0	I	3,688	18.3
Other farm products	3,936	D	461	10.5	I	231	6.2
Metallic ores	40,624	I	11,205	38.1	I	1,556	4.0
Coal	119,033	I	21,797	22.4	I	18,569	18.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,238	D	1,043	7.3	I	120	0.9
Nonmetallic minerals	15,747	D	487	3.0	I	652	4.3
Grain mill products	13,583	D	2,901	17.6	I	1,270	10.3
Food and kindred products	14,622	D	2,617	15.2	I	822	6.0
Primary forest products	18,221	D	1,734	8.7	I	1,512	9.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,525	D	981	11.5	I	1,332	21.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	17,668	D	1,434	7.5	I	1,572	9.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,558	I	95	0.4	D	556	2.3
Petroleum products	4,877	D	423	8.0	D	59	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	13,919	D	868	5.9	I	75	0.5
Coke	6,250	I	2,152	52.5	D	530	7.8
Metals and products	14,856	I	2,443	19.7	I	998	7.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,725	I	1,139	9.8	D	478	3.6
Waste and scrap materials	11,316	I	1,749	18.3	I	906	8.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,326	D	1,061	11.3	I	474	6.0
All other carloads	39,583	I	2,324	6.2	I	2,912	7.9
LCL traffic	180	I	38	26.8		--	--
Total Cars Loaded	423,607	I	20,106	5.0	I	35,066	9.0
Corresponding week of 1980	403,501						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks)	11,986,387	12,607,624	D	4.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
28 Weeks cumulative	483.7	490.4	D	1.4
Week ended July 18	17.8	16.6	I	7.0
29 Weeks cumulative	501.4	507.0	D	1.1

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WASHINGTON, July 30, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 25 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 3.9 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 521.0 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 25 totaled 430,345 cars, 2.1 percent above 1980, and 1.6 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 12.9 percent in the East, but down 0.9 percent in the South and 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 16,485 cars, or 14.9 percent, metallic ores were up 8,939 cars, or 31.9 percent, and loadings of coke registered a 43.2 percent increase. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended July 18 totaled 30,993 cars, up 7.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 55,318 trailers and/or containers, up 2.4 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 937,659 cars, 0.5 percent higher than last year, and 1,690,754 trailers and/or containers, down 0.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/25/81:

	Loadings in Week ended July 25, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	21,277	D	11,568	35.2	D 2,563	10.8
Other farm products	3,097	D	1,524	33.0	D 839	21.3
Metallic ores	36,929	I	8,939	31.9	D 3,695	9.1
Coal	127,119	I	16,485	14.9	I 8,086	6.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,466	D	1,377	9.3	I 203	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,497	D	598	4.0	D 1,251	7.9
Grain mill products	13,938	D	3,155	18.5	I 355	2.6
Food and kindred products	15,251	D	1,847	10.8	I 644	4.4
Primary forest products	18,302	D	1,474	7.5	I 81	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,243	D	693	7.8	I 718	9.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,058	D	760	3.8	I 1,390	7.9
Chemicals and allied products	24,717	I	595	2.5	I 1,158	4.9
Petroleum products	5,118	D	361	6.6	I 241	4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	13,866	D	1,483	9.7	D 53	0.4
Coke	6,220	I	1,877	43.2	D 30	0.5
Metals and products	14,791	I	1,274	9.4	D 64	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,328	I	2,152	19.3	I 601	4.7
Waste and scrap materials	10,941	I	1,351	14.1	D 361	3.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,325	D	714	7.1	I 999	12.0
All other carloads	40,681	I	1,639	4.2	I 1,107	2.8
LCL traffic	181	D	13	6.7	I 1	0.6
Total Cars Loaded	430,345	I	8,745	2.1	I 6,728	1.6
Corresponding week of 1980	421,600					

	1981	1980	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	12,420,955	13,027,184	D 4.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
29 Weeks cumulative	503.1 (Revised)	507.0	D 0.8
Week ended July 25	17.9	17.2	I 3.9
30 Weeks cumulative	521.0	524.2	D 0.6

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WASHINGTON, August 6, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 1 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 3.3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 539.2 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 1 totaled 436,118 cars, 1.7 percent above 1980, and 1.3 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 12.3 percent in the East, and 0.5 percent in the South, but down 3.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 15,821 cars, or 14.0 percent, metallic ores were up 10,010 cars, or 35.8 percent, loadings of coke registered a 46.8 percent increase, and motor vehicles and equipment, were up 26.0 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended July 25 totaled 32,202 cars, up 6.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 57,790 trailers and/or containers, up 2.6 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 969,861 cars, 0.7 percent higher than last year, and 1,748,544 trailers and/or containers, down 0.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/1/81:

	Loadings in Week ended August 1, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	22,922	D	12,271	34.9	I	1,638	7.7
Other farm products	3,176	D	1,044	24.7	I	73	2.4
Metallic ores	37,991	I	10,010	35.8	I	1,061	2.9
Coal	128,728	I	15,821	14.0	I	1,590	1.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,463	D	1,350	9.1	I	1	0.0
Nonmetallic minerals	14,226	D	683	4.6	D	263	1.8
Grain mill products	14,061	D	2,410	14.6	I	94	0.7
Food and kindred products	15,378	D	2,835	15.6	I	123	0.8
Primary forest products	18,676	D	1,571	7.8	I	374	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,459	D	874	9.4	I	218	2.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,434	D	1,162	5.6	I	369	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	24,403	D	237	1.0	D	316	1.3
Petroleum products	4,909	D	309	5.9	D	209	4.1
Stone, clay and glass products	14,189	D	1,113	7.3	I	323	2.3
Coke	5,899	I	1,881	46.8	D	321	5.2
Metals and products	15,415	I	693	4.7	I	625	4.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,824	I	2,650	26.0	D	502	3.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,402	I	400	4.0	D	544	5.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,697	D	780	7.4	I	372	4.0
All other carloads	41,672	I	2,553	6.5	I	1,002	2.5
LCL traffic	194	D	6	3.0	I	13	7.2
Total Cars Loaded	436,118	I	7,363	1.7	I	5,721	1.3
Corresponding week of 1980	428,755						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	12,855,037	13,455,939	D	4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
30 Weeks cumulative	521.0	524.2	D	0.6
Week ended August 1	18.2	17.6	I	3.3
31 Weeks cumulative	539.2	541.8	D	0.5

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WASHINGTON, August 13, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 8 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 2.2 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 557.1 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 8 totaled 428,936 cars, 0.2 percent above 1980, but 1.8 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.2 percent in the East, and 0.1 percent in the South, but down 4.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 10,501 cars, or 9.0 percent, metallic ores were up 10,191 cars, or 36.0 percent, loadings of coke registered a 61.7 percent increase, and metals and products were up 15.1 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended August 1 totaled 32,451 cars, up 6.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,802 trailers and/or containers, up 9.4 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of the year was 1,002,312 cars, 0.9 percent higher than last year, and 1,809,346 trailers and/or containers, virtually no change from last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/8/81:

	Loadings in Week ended August 8, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,009	D	9,128	26.7	I	1,995	8.7
Other farm products	3,230	D	812	20.1	D	172	5.1
Metallic ores	38,497	I	10,191	36.0	I	901	2.4
Coal	127,728	I	10,501	9.0	D	1,051	0.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,626	D	2,092	14.2	D	716	5.4
Nonmetallic minerals	13,986	D	1,611	10.3	D	221	1.6
Grain mill products	13,251	D	3,325	20.1	D	892	6.3
Food and kindred products	14,545	D	3,247	18.2	D	924	6.0
Primary forest products	18,466	D	1,351	6.8	D	158	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,314	D	1,505	17.1	D	1,244	14.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,576	D	1,064	5.4	D	889	4.6
Chemicals and allied products	24,333	D	754	3.0	D	162	0.7
Petroleum products	5,180	D	89	1.7	I	255	5.2
Stone, clay and glass products	14,130	D	1,378	8.9	D	159	1.1
Coke	6,070	I	2,316	61.7	I	122	2.1
Metals and products	13,951	I	1,831	15.1	D	1,640	10.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,774	I	539	5.3	D	1,864	14.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,964	I	989	9.9	I	478	4.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,631	D	625	6.1	D	44	0.5
All other carloads	40,480	I	1,412	3.6	D	1,321	3.2
LCL traffic	195	D	12	5.8	I	1	0.5
Total Cars Loaded	428,936	I	786	0.2	D	7,705	1.8
Corresponding week of 1980	428,150						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (32 weeks)	13,284,496	13,884,089	D	4.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
31 Weeks cumulative	539.2	541.8	D	0.5
Week ended August 8	17.9	17.5	I	2.2
32 Weeks cumulative	557.1	559.4	D	0.4

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WASHINGTON, August 20, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 15 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 3.6 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 575.3 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 15 totaled 437,134 cars, 2.0 percent above 1980, and 1.9 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 11.4 percent in the East, and 1.3 percent in the South, but down 3.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 13,570 cars, or 11.6 percent, metallic ores were up 11,048 cars, or 40.4 percent, loadings of coke registered a 66.6 percent increase, and motor vehicles and equipment were up 11.1 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended August 8 totaled 32,128 cars, up 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 59,026 trailers and/or containers, up 4.3 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 1,034,440 cars, 1.0 percent higher than last year, and 1,868,372 trailers and/or containers, 0.1 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/15/81:

	Loadings in Week ended August 15, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,351	D	4,081	13.0	I	2,342	9.4
Other farm products	3,187	D	939	22.8	D	43	1.3
Metallic ores	38,411	I	11,048	40.4	D	86	0.2
Coal	130,619	I	13,570	11.6	I	2,891	2.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,530	D	2,345	15.8	D	96	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	13,240	D	1,961	12.9	D	746	5.3
Grain mill products	14,132	D	2,541	15.2	I	881	6.7
Food and kindred products	15,054	D	3,236	17.7	I	509	3.5
Primary forest products	18,059	D	1,488	7.6	D	407	2.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,180	D	1,756	19.7	D	134	1.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,725	D	843	4.3	I	149	0.8
Chemicals and allied products	25,087	I	78	0.3	I	754	3.1
Petroleum products	5,098	D	306	5.7	D	82	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	13,489	D	2,737	16.9	D	641	4.5
Coke	6,537	I	2,614	66.6	I	467	7.7
Metals and products	14,010	I	1,262	9.9	I	59	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,693	I	1,271	11.1	I	1,919	17.8
Waste and scrap materials	11,587	I	862	8.0	I	623	5.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,292	D	1,166	11.1	D	339	3.5
All other carloads	40,662	I	1,296	3.3	I	182	0.5
LCL traffic	191	D	182	48.8	D	4	2.1
Total Cars Loaded	437,134	I	8,420	2.0	I	8,198	1.9
Corresponding week of 1980	428,714						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks)	13,720,944	14,312,803	D	4.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
32 Weeks cumulative	557.1	559.4	D	0.4
Week ended August 15	18.2	17.5	I	3.6
33 Weeks cumulative	575.3	576.9	D	0.3

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WASHINGTON, August 27, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 22 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 2.1 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 593.6 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 22 totaled 438,519 cars, 0.2 percent below 1980, but 0.3 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 10.2 percent in the East, but down 4.5 percent in the South, and 4.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 12,542 cars, or 10.7 percent, metallic ores were up 8,862 cars, or 31.7 percent, and loadings of coke registered a 65.4 percent increase. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended August 15 totaled 33,308 cars, up 9.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 60,118 trailers and/or containers, up 7.9 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of the year was 1,067,748 cars, 1.2 percent higher than last year, and 1,928,490 trailers and/or containers, 0.3 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/22/81:

	Loadings in Week ended August 22, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,270	D	4,613	14.0	I	913	3.3
Other farm products	2,997	D	904	23.2	D	192	6.0
Metallic ores	36,813	I	8,862	31.7	D	1,597	4.2
Coal	129,908	I	12,542	10.7	D	751	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,549	D	2,185	14.8	D	1	0.0
Nonmetallic minerals	13,719	D	2,642	16.1	I	471	3.6
Grain mill products	13,539	D	3,596	21.0	D	593	4.2
Food and kindred products	15,629	D	2,912	15.7	I	578	3.8
Primary forest products	18,223	D	1,662	8.4	I	164	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,307	D	2,235	23.4	I	127	1.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,280	D	857	4.3	I	554	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	25,324	D	726	2.8	I	273	1.1
Petroleum products	5,334	D	110	2.0	I	236	4.6
Stone, clay and glass products	13,525	D	2,361	14.9	I	37	0.3
Coke	6,424	I	2,539	65.4	D	113	1.7
Metals and products	14,134	I	892	6.7	I	168	1.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,267	I	285	2.2	I	573	4.5
Waste and scrap materials	11,788	I	785	7.1	I	169	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,503	D	1,361	12.5	I	211	2.3
All other carloads	40,783	D	390	0.9	I	86	0.2
LCL traffic	203	D	11	5.1	I	12	6.3
Total Cars Loaded	438,519	D	660	0.2	I	1,325	0.3
Corresponding week of 1980	439,179						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (34 weeks)	14,159,716	14,754,022	D	4.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
33 Weeks cumulative	575.3	576.9	D	0.3
Week ended August 22	18.3	17.9	I	2.1
34 Weeks cumulative	593.6	594.8	D	0.2

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WASHINGTON, September 3, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 29 totaled an estimated 19.0 billion ton-miles, 4.1 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 612.6 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 29 totaled 456,613 cars, 2.2 percent above 1980, and 4.1 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 11.8 percent in the East and 1.0 percent in the South, but down 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 139,877, the highest individual week since June 20, 1957, and 19.5 percent over last year. Sixteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended August 22 totaled 33,058 cars, up 4.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 59,368 trailers and/or containers, up 3.9 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 1,100,806 cars, 1.3 percent higher than last year, and 1,987,858 trailers and/or containers, 0.4 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/29/81:

	Loadings in Week ended August 29, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,208	D	5,999	18.1	D	1,030	3.6
Other farm products	3,125	D	524	14.4	I	123	4.1
Metallic ores	36,190	I	7,846	27.7	D	623	1.7
Coal	139,877	I	22,803	19.5	I	9,990	7.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,012	D	1,499	10.3	I	475	3.8
Nonmetallic minerals	13,611	D	1,938	12.5	D	99	0.7
Grain mill products	14,218	D	3,580	20.1	I	679	5.0
Food and kindred products	15,843	D	3,292	17.2	I	213	1.4
Primary forest products	18,938	D	692	3.5	I	715	3.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,585	D	2,556	25.2	I	279	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,327	D	1,334	6.5	I	49	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	26,393	D	2,103	7.4	I	1,065	4.2
Petroleum products	5,338	D	104	1.9	I	4	0.1
Stone, clay and glass products	13,280	D	2,780	17.3	D	243	1.8
Coke	6,935	I	2,831	69.0	I	511	8.0
Metals and products	15,506	I	1,008	7.0	I	1,376	9.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,945	I	68	0.5	D	321	2.4
Waste and scrap materials	11,832	I	565	5.0	I	19	0.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,040	D	1,606	13.8	I	537	5.7
All other carloads	45,154	I	2,903	6.9	I	4,388	10.8
LCL traffic	256	I	17	7.1	I	53	26.1
Total Cars Loaded	456,613	I	10,034	2.2	I	18,160	4.1
Corresponding week of 1980	446,579						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks)	14,616,263	15,200,601	D	3.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
34 Weeks cumulative	593.6	594.8	D	0.2
Week ended August 29	19.0	18.3	I	4.1
35 Weeks cumulative	612.6	613.0	D	0.1

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WASHINGTON, September 11, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 5 totaled an estimated 19.4 billion ton-miles, 21.1 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1980 week included the Labor Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 639.1 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 5 totaled 450,161 cars, 16.1 percent above 1980, but 1.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 29.5 percent in the East, and 10.3 percent in the South, and 11.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were up. Coal loadings totaled 135,197, an increase of 27.9 percent over last year.

Fourteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended August 29 totaled 34,576 cars, up 3.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 64,417 trailers and/or containers, up 5.3 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 1,135,382 cars, 1.4 percent higher than last year, and 2,052,275 trailers and/or containers, 0.6 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/5/81:

	Loadings in Week ended September 5, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,102	I	226	0.8	I	1,901	7.0
Other farm products	2,705	D	52	1.9	D	418	13.4
Metallic ores	36,376	I	9,610	35.9	I	181	0.5
Coal	135,197	I	29,488	27.9	D	4,678	3.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,422	D	141	1.1	D	612	4.7
Nonmetallic minerals	12,706	D	2,668	17.4	D	917	6.7
Grain mill products	13,982	D	1,213	8.0	D	236	1.7
Food and kindred products	15,896	D	82	0.5	I	59	0.4
Primary forest products	17,301	I	1,356	8.5	D	1,638	8.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,961	D	173	2.4	D	624	8.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,868	I	2,153	12.2	I	539	2.8
Chemicals and allied products	26,420	I	3,063	13.1	I	26	0.1
Petroleum products	5,295	I	411	8.4	D	43	0.8
Stone, clay and glass products	13,572	D	1,017	7.0	I	287	2.2
Coke	6,750	I	3,141	87.0	D	185	2.7
Metals and products	16,236	I	4,311	36.2	I	730	4.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,797	I	689	5.7	D	149	1.2
Waste and scrap materials	11,817	I	2,657	29.0	D	5	0.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,022	I	983	10.9	D	18	0.2
All other carloads	44,517	I	9,642	27.6	D	702	1.6
LCL traffic	219	I	75	52.1	D	37	14.5
Total Cars Loaded	450,161	I	62,459	16.1	D	6,539	1.4
Corresponding week of 1980	387,702						

	1981	1980		% Change
Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks)	15,066,511	15,588,303	D	3.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
35 Weeks cumulative	619.7 (Revised)	613.0	I	1.1
Week ended September 5	19.4	16.0	I	21.1
36 Weeks cumulative	639.1	629.0	I	1.6

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WASHINGTON, September 17, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 12 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 6.9 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1981 week included the Labor Day holiday -- the 1980 week did not.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 655.8 billion ton-miles, 1.4 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 12 totaled 384,645 cars, 14.9 percent below 1980, and 14.8 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.4 percent in the East, 18.5 percent in the South, and 15.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down.

Twenty of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended September 5 totaled 35,279 cars, up 26.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 64,826 trailers and/or containers, up 27.9 percent from last year. The 1980 week included the Labor Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 1,170,661 cars, 2.0 percent higher than last year, and 2,117,101 trailers and/or containers, 1.3 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/12/81:

	Loadings in Week ended September 12, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,508	D	11,801	35.4	D	7,587	26.1
Other farm products	2,850	D	1,077	27.4	I	148	5.5
Metallic ores	34,633	I	7,727	28.7	D	3,428	9.0
Coal	118,753	D	1,372	1.1	D	16,452	12.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,844	D	4,430	29.0	D	1,566	12.6
Nonmetallic minerals	12,457	D	4,718	27.5	D	242	1.9
Grain mill products	12,087	D	5,927	32.9	D	1,895	13.6
Food and kindred products	13,363	D	5,426	28.9	D	2,533	15.9
Primary forest products	15,136	D	5,081	25.1	D	2,164	12.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,230	D	3,631	41.0	D	1,730	24.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,336	D	4,244	20.6	D	3,530	17.8
Chemicals and allied products	21,819	D	4,802	18.0	D	4,588	17.4
Petroleum products	4,492	D	1,614	26.4	D	803	15.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,767	D	5,100	30.2	D	1,800	13.3
Coke	6,097	I	2,410	65.4	D	653	9.7
Metals and products	12,887	D	1,240	8.8	D	3,347	20.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,298	D	4,865	30.1	D	1,506	11.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,792	D	2,491	20.3	D	2,013	17.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,867	D	2,775	26.1	D	2,155	21.5
All other carloads	35,263	D	6,864	16.3	D	9,202	20.7
LCL traffic	166	D	82	33.1	D	53	24.2
Total Cars Loaded	384,645	D	67,403	14.9	D	67,099	14.8
Corresponding week of 1980	452,048						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks)	15,454,464	16,040,351	D	3.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
36 Weeks cumulative	639.1	629.0	I	1.6
Week ended September 12	16.7	18.0	D	6.9
37 Weeks cumulative	655.8	647.0	I	1.4

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WASHINGTON, September 24, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 19 totaled an estimated 19.3 billion ton-miles, 7.8 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 675.1 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 19 totaled 451,604 cars, 0.1 percent below 1980, but 17.4 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year loadings were up 5.1 percent in the East, but down 3.7 percent in the South and 1.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal and metallic ores were up 12.6 percent and 35.1 percent respectively.

All of tne 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the holiday week ended September 12 totaled 28,433 cars, down 11.9 percent from the corresponding non-holiday week of 1980, and 52,068 trailers and/or containers, down 10.9 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 1,199,094 cars, 1.6 percent higher than last year, and 2,169,169 trailers and/or containers, 0.9 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/19/81:

	Loadings in Week ended September 19, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,090	D	6,091	18.4	I	5,582	26.0
Other farm products	4,015	D	244	5.7	I	1,165	40.9
Metallic ores	38,187	I	9,922	35.1	I	3,554	10.3
Coal	134,303	I	15,078	12.6	I	15,550	13.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,928	D	2,691	17.2	I	2,084	19.2
Nonmetallic minerals	14,296	D	1,966	12.1	I	1,839	14.8
Grain mill products	14,907	D	2,617	14.9	I	2,820	23.3
Food and kindred products	15,751	D	2,996	16.0	I	2,388	17.9
Primary forest products	18,333	D	692	3.6	I	3,197	21.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,920	D	2,402	25.8	I	1,690	32.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,038	D	1,609	7.8	I	2,702	16.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,933	D	2,043	7.6	I	3,114	14.3
Petroleum products	5,258	D	330	5.9	I	766	17.1
Stone, clay and glass products	13,603	D	2,405	15.0	I	1,836	15.6
Coke	6,667	I	2,359	54.8	I	570	9.3
Metals and products	15,116	I	265	1.8	I	2,229	17.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,226	D	2,708	16.0	I	2,928	25.9
Waste and scrap materials	12,109	D	366	2.9	I	2,317	23.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,507	D	1,568	14.2	I	1,640	20.8
All other carloads	44,172	I	2,450	5.9	I	8,909	25.3
LCL traffic	245	D	19	7.2	I	79	47.6
Total Cars Loaded	451,604	D	673	0.1	I	66,959	17.4
Corresponding week of 1980	452,277						

	1981	1980		% Change
Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks)	15,906,068	16,492,628	D	3.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
37 Weeks cumulative	655.8	647.0	I	1.4
Week ended September 19	19.3	17.9	I	7.8
38 Weeks cumulative	675.1	664.9	I	1.5

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WASHINGTON, October 1, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 26 totaled an estimated 19.3 billion ton-miles, 9.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 694.4 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 26 totaled 451,898 cars, 0.1 percent above 1980, and virtually the same as the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.5 percent in the East, but down 1.7 percent in the South, and 1.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal and metallic ores were up 18.0 percent and 23.8 percent respectively. Coke was up 69.7 percent.

Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended September 19 totaled 34,114 cars, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 63,656 trailers and/or containers, up 7.4 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 1,233,208 cars, 1.6 percent higher than last year, and 2,232,825 trailers and/or containers, 1.1 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/26/81:

	Loadings in Week ended September 26, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,729	D	7,767	23.9	D	2,422	8.9
Other farm products	4,411	D	2	0.0	I	402	10.0
Metallic ores	33,318	I	6,412	23.8	D	4,869	12.8
Coal	137,565	I	20,956	18.0	I	3,277	2.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,022	D	1,967	13.1	I	85	0.7
Nonmetallic minerals	13,918	D	2,025	12.7	D	391	2.7
Grain mill products	14,950	D	2,788	15.7	D	11	0.1
Food and kindred products	15,907	D	3,084	16.2	I	163	1.0
Primary forest products	19,026	D	230	1.2	I	693	3.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,361	D	2,031	21.6	I	440	6.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,976	D	2,627	12.2	D	61	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	25,592	D	1,837	6.7	I	671	2.7
Petroleum products	5,050	D	395	7.3	D	198	3.8
Stone, clay and glass products	13,428	D	3,022	18.4	D	175	1.3
Coke	6,820	I	2,801	69.7	I	146	2.2
Metals and products	15,568	D	17	0.1	I	427	2.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,360	D	3,105	17.8	D	147	1.0
Waste and scrap materials	11,881	D	139	1.2	D	262	2.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,112	D	1,373	12.0	I	604	6.4
All other carloads	45,691	I	2,571	6.0	I	1,435	3.2
LCL traffic	213	D	35	14.1	D	31	12.7
Total Cars Loaded	451,898	I	296	0.1	D	224	0.0
Corresponding week of 1980	451,602						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks)	16,358,484	16,944,230	D	3.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
38 Weeks cumulative	675.1	664.9	I	1.5
Week ended September 26	19.3	17.6	I	9.2
39 Weeks cumulative	694.4	682.6	I	1.7

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Through a clerical error, freight traffic for the week ended September 26 was reported as being 9.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago. In fact, rail freight traffic showed a 9.2 percent improvement.

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WASHINGTON, October 8, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 3 totaled an estimated 19.8 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 714.2 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 3 totaled 451,625 cars, 1.6 percent below 1980, and 0.1 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.1 percent in the East, but down 0.3 percent in the South, and 4.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal and metallic ores were up 17.1 percent and 13.3 percent respectively, and coke loadings showed a gain of 58.7 percent.

Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended September 26 totaled 35,777 cars, up 6.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 67,030 trailers and/or containers, up 10.5 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 1,268,985 cars, 1.8 percent higher than last year, and 2,299,855 trailers and/or containers, 1.4 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/3/81:

	Loadings in Week ended October 3, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,809	D	9,935	28.6	I	80	0.3
Other farm products	4,936	D	340	6.4	I	525	11.9
Metallic ores	32,300	I	3,794	13.3	D	1,018	3.1
Coal	137,887	I	20,098	17.1	I	322	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,524	D	2,644	17.4	D	498	3.8
Nonmetallic minerals	13,243	D	3,127	19.1	D	675	4.8
Grain mill products	14,638	D	2,994	17.0	D	312	2.1
Food and kindred products	15,382	D	2,843	15.6	D	525	3.3
Primary forest products	18,515	D	348	1.8	D	511	2.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,152	D	2,240	23.9	D	209	2.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,985	D	1,139	5.4	I	1,009	5.3
Chemicals and allied products	25,905	D	1,887	6.8	I	313	1.2
Petroleum products	4,805	D	724	13.1	D	245	4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	13,470	D	2,726	16.8	I	42	0.3
Coke	6,368	I	2,356	58.7	D	452	6.6
Metals and products	16,790	I	344	2.1	I	1,222	7.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,835	D	2,910	16.4	I	475	3.3
Waste and scrap materials	11,668	D	463	3.8	D	213	1.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,455	D	1,655	13.7	I	343	3.4
All other carloads	45,707	I	2,278	5.3	I	16	0.0
LCL traffic	251	D	42	14.3	I	38	17.8
Total Cars Loaded	451,625	D	7,147	1.6	D	273	0.1
Corresponding week of 1980	488,772						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	16,810,109	17,403,002	D	3.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
39 Weeks cumulative	694.4	682.6	I	1.7
Week ended October 3	19.8	19.1	I	3.4
40 Weeks cumulative	714.2	701.7	I	1.8

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WASHINGTON, October 15, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 10 totaled an estimated 18.9 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 733.1 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 10 totaled 432,652 cars, 4.3 percent below 1980, and 4.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 3.8 percent in the East, 1.9 percent in the South, and 6.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal and metallic ores were up 15.2 percent and 19.0 percent respectively, and coke loadings showed a gain of 34.2 percent.

Seventeen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended October 3 totaled 35,923 cars, up 2.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 67,428 trailers and/or containers, up 8.7 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 1,304,908 cars, 1.8 percent higher than last year, and 2,367,283 trailers and/or containers, 1.5 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/10/81:

	Loadings in Week ended October 10, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,689	D	10,190	29.2	D	120	0.5
Other farm products	5,568	D	367	6.2	I	636	12.9
Metallic ores	30,012	I	4,792	19.0	D	2,288	7.1
Coal	133,640	I	17,678	15.2	D	4,198	3.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,861	D	2,551	16.6	I	316	2.5
Nonmetallic minerals	11,886	D	5,760	32.6	D	1,342	10.1
Grain mill products	14,418	D	2,719	15.9	D	198	1.4
Food and kindred products	15,169	D	2,820	15.7	D	216	1.4
Primary forest products	18,209	D	1,811	9.0	D	301	1.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,021	D	2,428	28.7	D	1,136	15.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,220	D	1,026	5.3	D	1,774	8.9
Chemicals and allied products	24,232	D	4,699	16.2	D	1,711	6.6
Petroleum products	5,148	D	654	11.3	I	343	7.1
Stone, clay and glass products	13,057	D	2,619	16.7	D	411	3.1
Coke	6,236	I	1,590	34.2	D	113	1.8
Metals and products	13,733	D	959	6.5	D	3,040	18.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,888	D	3,815	20.4	I	32	0.2
Waste and scrap materials	10,766	D	2,169	16.8	D	889	7.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,123	D	1,236	10.9	D	332	3.2
All other carloads	43,565	I	2,530	6.2	D	2,128	4.7
LCL traffic	211	D	19	8.3	D	40	15.9
Total Cars Loaded	432,652	D	19,252	4.3	D	18,910	4.2
Corresponding week of 1980	451,904						

	1981	1980	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	17,242,698	17,854,906	D	3.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
40 Weeks cumulative	714.2	701.7	I	1.8
Week ended October 10	18.9	18.8	I	0.7
41 Weeks cumulative	733.1	720.5	I	1.8

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WASHINGTON, October 22, 1981 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 17 totaled an estimated 18.8 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 752.0 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 17 totaled 435,551 cars, 3.2 percent below 1980, but 0.7 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.2 percent in the East, but down 1.7 percent in the South and 7.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 137,668, up 18.8 percent from last year.

Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended October 10 totaled 35,474 cars, up 6.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1980, and 64,806 trailers and/or containers, up 10.0 percent from last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 1,340,382 cars, 1.9 percent higher than last year, and 2,432,089 trailers and/or containers, 1.8 percent higher than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/17/81:

	Loadings in Week ended October 17, 1981		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,501	D	9,760	28.5	D	188	0.8
Other farm products	6,074	I	144	2.4	I	509	9.2
Metallic ores	28,843	I	2,217	8.3	D	1,169	3.9
Coal	137,668	I	21,799	18.8	I	4,028	3.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,046	D	2,270	14.8	I	198	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	11,961	D	2,819	19.1	I	78	0.7
Grain mill products	14,133	D	2,626	15.7	D	285	2.0
Food and kindred products	15,394	D	2,634	14.6	I	222	1.5
Primary forest products	17,919	D	1,598	8.2	D	290	1.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,322	D	2,890	31.4	I	301	5.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,399	D	1,017	5.2	I	179	1.0
Chemicals and allied products	24,577	D	3,266	11.7	I	411	1.7
Petroleum products	5,171	D	500	8.8	I	23	0.5
Stone, clay and glass products	12,539	D	2,951	19.1	D	518	4.0
Coke	6,381	I	1,211	23.4	I	145	2.3
Metals and products	12,877	D	927	6.7	D	845	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,910	D	3,177	16.6	I	1,057	7.1
Waste and scrap materials	11,109	D	2,231	16.7	I	339	3.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,506	D	1,637	14.7	D	617	6.1
All other carloads	43,015	I	488	1.1	D	593	1.4
LCL traffic	206	D	39	15.9	D	5	2.4
Total Cars Loaded	435,551	D	14,483	3.2	I	2,980	0.7
Corresponding week of 1980	450,034						

	1981	1980	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	17,678,168	18,304,940	D 3.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
41 Weeks cumulative	733.1	720.5	I 1.8
Week ended October 17	18.8	18.6	I 1.2
42 Weeks cumulative	752.0	739.1	I 1.7

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